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**The GEM would like to wish all
our readers a happy St David's Day!**

In Business Update

Bridgend shop owner is fined for fire safety failings

RIGHT:
The fire took place at shooting and fishing
supplies shop Keen's Tackle and Guns.

BUSINESS owners
in south Wales are
being urged to
ensure they're
upholding their
legal duty to keep
staff, customers
and premises safe
from fire, after a
Bridgend company
was found guilty of
violating fire safety
laws.

Bridgend Trailercraft
Limited, which owns

and operates a shooting
and fishing supplies
shop, Keen's Tackle and
Guns, was fined a total
of £16,000 at Cardiff
Crown Court. South
Wales Fire Authority
has also applied for full
costs to be paid; an
additional £20,000.

The prosecution
follows a fire at the
Bridgend Road store in
November 2016, which
was started by water
leaking into electrics.
Neighbouring properties
were evacuated and the



road was closed as a
precaution, due to the
presence of shotgun
cartridges and other
materials.

A thorough
inspection, carried out
the following day by
specialist Business Fire
Safety officers from
South Wales Fire and
Rescue Service
(SWFRS), found
several fire safety
failings, likely to place
people at risk of death
or serious injury in the
event of fire.

As a result of the
findings, Bridgend
Trailercraft Limited was
summoned to appear

before Cardiff Crown
Court for 12 offences
including failure to
carry out a Fire Risk
Assessment and a lack
of appropriate electronic
fire alarm system,
contrary to the
Regulatory Reform
(Fire Safety) Order
2005.

The order, a 'self-
compliant' law, means
those responsible for
creating the risk are
expected to comply
with its requirements.
The company pleaded
guilty to a sample four
offences, with the
remainder lying on file.

In presenting the case

to the court, South
Wales Fire and Rescue
Service outlined how a
suitable and sufficient
fire risk assessment,
which is a legal
requirement, would
have identified the
general fire precautions
necessary to ensure
people could escape
safely from the building
in the event of a fire.

In his closing
comments the judge
stated: "The failure of
this company is an
illustration of
negligence, on their
part, of a high order."

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SOPHIE'S SOLO AT LONDON'S 'MOUNTBATTEN FESTIVAL'

A ROYAL Marines musician
from Bridgend is preparing to
play solo before an audience of
thousands at this year's
Mountbatten Festival of
Music.

Musician Sophie Perriam will be
among the Massed Bands of Her
Majesty's Royal Marines for three
performances at the Royal Albert Hall
on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and
10.

Sophie has been chosen to give solo
performances during the festival and
will play 'Pequena Czarada' on the
saxophone.

The 30-year-old started playing the
clarinet when she joined the Band
Service four years ago, but welcomes
the opportunity to return to the
saxophone.

She said: "I played my piece at one
of our smaller concerts and a couple of
the seniors in the band put it forward to
be played at the Albert Hall.

"It's going to be fantastic. I'm not
nervous yet, but that's because I've got
about 10 other things on my list to do
at the moment, but I will be.

"It's good to have a bit of nerves,
but I trust that the practice I'm doing is
the right practice, so when it comes to
the gig I'll be alright."

Sophie is currently a member of the
Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines
Plymouth and has played all over the
world.

She said: "My piece is about seven
minutes long, so there's a lot to



**Local musician
Sophie Perriam will
perform
at the Royal Albert
Hall in March.**

remember.

"I'm also doing a Masters degree at
the moment too, so there's a bit of
juggling to do."

The Mountbatten Festival of Music
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Sony UK TEC search for young apprentices

ENGINEERS of the future are getting the chance to join one of the world's leading manufacturing facilities.

Sony UK Technology Centre is launching its graduate and apprentice recruitment schemes for a fourth consecutive year, with applicants able to apply online or through a graduate career link on Twitter.

The programme will see successful applicants join the international brand's award-winning Welsh site, based in Pencoed.

The facility, just off the M4, has developed a world-renowned reputation thanks to its high-end broadcast and professional camera manufacturing operation, along with its contract manufacturing business which has created industry-leading products including the Raspberry Pi.

Graduates and apprentices applying to the schemes will get the opportunity to develop their skills across Sony UK TEC's diverse professional facility, which enables them to experience all the challenges and rewards of working in a modern manufacturing facility.

Over the past three years 13 graduates have completed the programme, going on to specialise in various areas across the business. The apprenticeship programme has run in

its current format since 2010 with 18 apprentices currently on site.

The director of professional services at Sony UK TEC Gerald Kelly said the training programmes would create more well-rounded and knowledgeable professionals in the long-term.

He said: "We are extremely excited to be starting the search for the next generation of engineers and business leaders at Sony UK TEC."

"Our graduate scheme offers a flexible and varied experience developing your skills at one of the leading manufacturing facilities in the world, while our four-year apprentice scheme sets you on the path to becoming an industry-leading engineer."

Entry requirement for the graduate scheme is a 2:1 degree in any subject, along with a passion for creating leading manufacturing solutions and the drive to continuously exceed industry standards. Entry requirements for the apprentice scheme are five GCSEs, including a B or above in maths, and Cs or above in science and English or equivalent.

For more information visit www.sonymencoed.co.uk/careers/.

BCBC cabinet member is guest at Shout meeting

The Porthcawl Shout Forum speaker on Friday, March 2, at 2pm in Trinity Church, Porthcawl, will be the BCBC cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, Cllr Philip White, explaining his responsibilities and how they relate to county borough residents.

Porthcawl residents are welcome to come along to this meeting, which should also touch on topical issues such as the bus service consultation, and a similar consultation on public toilets.



AM talks mental health with the Pencoed Scouts

CHILDREN'S Mental Health Week was held in February and aimed to encourage children, young people and adults to celebrate their uniqueness and to 'Be Ourselves'.

As part of events held throughout the country, Ogmere AM and Welsh Government Minister Huw Irranca-Davies met the Pencoed Scout group to discuss the importance of well-being, and what our Welsh Labour government is doing to help children and young people maintain good mental health.

The Assembly Member thanked the group for their warm welcome and said: "It was a very productive meeting with the Pencoed Scouts where we had open and frank discussions about children's well-being. It is always good to hear comments directly from the children and to gain an insight into their thoughts about mental health and how situations affect their daily lives."

"We should continue to empower children so that they can be part of decision-making and feel they can speak out about emotional issues."

March planet watch

VENUS becomes visible in the evening sky, shining obviously in the darkening west.

Mercury is sufficiently far from the sun on March 15 to provide an excellent chance to see this elusive planet in the western evening sky, with Venus nearby.

On the night of March 6-7, the moon is near Jupiter, near Mars on the morning of March 10 and near Saturn on the following morning.

This year, Mars will be at its brightest since 2003 when the red planet came closer to Earth than it had been in 60,000 years. It won't be quite as bright as that, but nearly! It will dramatically brighten over the coming months to appear as a brilliant red dot in our sky by July.

The Plough (The Big Dipper)

The Plough, or Big Dipper, is a star pattern which is not a constellation in itself but a part of a constellation - in this case, Ursa Major (Great Bear).

The Big Dipper outlines the Bear's tail and hindquarters and comprises a very recognisable grouping of seven bright stars which are in the shape of a saucerpan's bowl and handle.

The two outer stars in the bowl are called Dubhe and Merak, and an imaginary line drawn between them points directly to Polaris, the North Star. This line has served as a navigational tool for centuries.

Once you have found the Big Dipper, it is easy to find the Little Dipper because Polaris marks the end of the Little Dipper's Handle. The much smaller Little Dipper also has seven stars, but they are somewhat dimmer.

The Big and Little Dippers swing around Polaris once a day like riders on a Ferris wheel. Just look northward and you are certain to see the Big Dipper in the night sky.

In one version of Greek mythology, the god Zeus hid his lover, the nymph Callisto, from his jealous wife Hera by

changing her into a bear.

Callisto's son, Actas, did not know she was now a bear and while hunting one day came across her. To keep Actas from accidentally killing his mother, Zeus placed them together into the sky as The Big and Little Dippers.

The Iroquois Indians of North America and the Micmac Indians of Nova Scotia share a story that

some of their tribe were chasing a bear through the forest. The Indians ran into three giants who attacked and killed all the Indians, except for three. Then, the three survivors (the three stars in the handle or tail) and the bear were transported into the sky, where the chase continues to this day.

NORMAN LLOYD

Bridgend Quiz League news

BELOW are this week's teasers and latest results for the Bridgend Quiz League:

From what animal is cashmere obtained?

What name is given to the thin veil Muslim women wear in public?

Which early film star was known as the 'World's Sweetheart'?

Results for February 19 are as follows:

Crown Maesteg 30, Five Bells A 45, Penybont FC Nomads

46, Tondy Railway Club 45.

TyRisha Royals 35, Mackworth Arms 46, Oddfellows Arms Betts 35, Laleston Inn B 46.

Pheasant Poachers 52, Chatterton Shunters 46, Prince of Wales Coychurch 48, Pheasant Gamekeepers 47.

Five Bells B 42, Cabo Roche 42.

Steve Kingscott

*1. The Angora goat.
2. Yashmak.
3. Mary Pickford.*

MP's call to protect Welsh farmers

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore is anxious that Welsh farmers should be protected in any trade deal the UK strikes with New Zealand post-Brexit.

He said in the Commons that Wales has a large lamb industry that is one of the great prizes of the UK.

He asked Trade Minister Greg Hands for an absolute assurance that in his negotiations with New Zealand he will not put any Welsh farms or the Welsh lamb industry at risk.

Mr Hands said he is

keenly aware, as are the international trade and environment ministers, of the importance of British agriculture in all parts of the UK and of making sure that necessary protections are in place on animal welfare standards and so on.

He also recognises the importance of promoting exports of excellent British goods.

Mr Hands told Mr Elmore: "Food and drink is one of our fastest-growing export sectors, and we want people to take advantage of opportunities across the UK."

Report by Michael Prosser

WHY NOT SAMPLE LIFE WITH LIONS?

The Porthcawl Lions exist to do good for the community and last weekend they were on the streets of Porthcawl supporting the worthy charity Marie Curie.

In addition to supporting local good causes the Porthcawl Lions raise funds for national and international organisations and charities and in so doing bring hope and support to those in need.

The next social event for the Lions Club is their annual Charter Night dinner, which is scheduled for the end of March. The event commemorates the establishment of the

Lions Club in Porthcawl in September 1980.

We are very pleased that we have two active members who attended the first meeting. It must be the sea air...?

The Lions welcomes new members of all ages. The current membership officer is Jim, who can be contacted on 01656 859505. The club meets at the Hi Tide on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings discuss activities, welfare and of course the distribution of funds and usually last no more than an hour.

Come along and meet the boys and girls of The Porthcawl Lions Club, get involved - we will be pleased to see you.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
01 Thur	05.53	9.9	18.22	10.0
02 Fri	06.42	10.3	19.07	10.5
03 Sat	07.25	10.6	19.47	10.5
04 Sun	08.08	10.4	20.26	10.3
05 Mon	08.43	10.2	20.59	10.0
06 Tues	09.19	9.7	21.36	9.5
07 Wed	09.54	9.3	22.12	8.9
08 Thur	10.32	8.7	22.49	8.3

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New skate and BMX park opens in Oakwood estate

THE residents of Oakwood in Maesteg officially opened their new skate park earlier this week with a celebration and a cutting of ribbon to mark the event.

A group of residents were concerned about the lack of play facilities in their area and contacted Space Savours, a project looking at better use of open spaces.

For the past two years, they discussed ideas and suggestions on how to improve the entire estate. They were then matched with Play Wales, a Welsh charity dedicated to helping children play, to turn their ideas into a reality.

After asking children on the estate about what play facilities they would use, they decided to create a mini-ramp for scooters and BMX bikes. Valleys to Coast Housing (V2C) supported them with their plans and their



contractors helped supply and build the ramp.

Oakwood resident Teri Davies commented: "There's not a day goes by that it isn't used - whatever the weather. We are delighted with the results and that our youngsters have somewhere to play on their scooters and bikes all year round. We are so very grateful to V2C for supporting us getting

things started. We've got lots of ideas to make better use of the open spaces around our estate so watch this space!"

Rachel Lovell, V2C's Open Spaces Officer, said: "We are so impressed with the efforts of the local people to do something for the future of their kids and look forward to working with other areas of the borough to do the same."

Prison term following death of Adam McGuire

THE family of Adam McGuire, who was killed during a fatal road traffic collision earlier this year, has released a new picture of him following the sentencing of 26-year-old Nicholas Darkes to six years in prison, who was charged with causing death by careless driving while over the prescribed limit.

Adam's brothers, Ryan and Stephen, have paid tribute to him on behalf of his family.

They said: "Adam was a loveable rogue, a gentle giant, a loving son, brother and uncle who



Adam McGuire.

will be greatly missed. "He was a carefree brother and son who loved his family especially his nieces and nephews.

"Adam had a passion for motorbikes and throughout his childhood he played rugby and just enjoyed life.

"Adam is known to the local community and in Maesteg and will be greatly missed."

Local shop owner fined

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The judge continued: "The company failed to put in place measures that are recognised standards in the industry and allowed breaches to persist over a long period of time."

Area manager Alison Kibblewhite, head of risk reduction for South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The outcome of the case reflects the seriousness of the fire safety shortcomings at the Bridgend Road premises; it is only down to chance that nobody was killed or seriously injured in this incident.

"We always prefer to work with businesses to raise their fire safety standards, but when faced with such failings as these, we are left with no option but to prosecute. The Fire Safety Order has been in force since 2006 and

those responsible have to comply with its requirements.

"Part of our role in SWFRS Business Fire Safety is to ensure those in our communities are safe; at work or visiting these types of premises.

"Whether you're an employer, owner, landlord, occupier or building manager, you have a legal duty to ensure your business is fully compliant with the Fire Safety Order. In addition to the obvious risks to life, you may be forced to pay a fine for any safety breaches."

If you would like to report a fire safety concern, or would like more information relating to the duties required by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, visit www.southwales-fire.gov.uk or contact the Business Fire Safety Department on 01443 232523.

Ideas wanted for local energy projects

THE Centre for Sustainable Energy recently launched an exciting local project called 'Bridgend County Energy Challenge'.

The centre is looking for people in rural areas of Bridgend county borough to come forward with an idea for a local energy project. Staff at the centre will then be providing free support to help that community group set up their own energy project and publicise it.

The centre will also be providing a signposting service to help those struggling to pay their bills or living

in fuel poverty, to direct them to existing advice services.

There is a wealth of information on the Bridgend County Energy Challenge at bridgendenergy.co.uk.

You don't need to know about energy to get involved - just have an enthusiasm for working on a challenging project to benefit your community. Applications from interested groups are welcome.

The deadline for all applications is 5pm Tuesday, April 3.

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Mother's Day walk will remember loved ones and raise cancer awareness

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ONE hundred and twenty people have signed up to take part in an event on Mother's Day (March 11) to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and to remember loved ones who have died from cancer.

Funds raised on the day will go to Ovarian Cancer Action.

The walk from Barry Cemetery to Barry Island and back has been organised by Alison Woolcock.

Alison and her sister Lesley Woolcock, who was also known as

Lesley Brown, campaigned for a screening programme for ovarian cancer.

Lesley, a grandmother of three, died on May 17, 2016, from ovarian cancer but she is fondly remembered by many people in the Vale.

The name of the event is #walkinhername and Alison has set up a Facebook page.

She explained: "The walk will begin at 12 noon at Cemetery Road. We will walk over to Lesley's bench on Barry Island and enjoy a break there before walking back.

"On our return, the town council will have Merthyr Dyfan Chapel open so people can light candles for loved ones.

"We will then head over to the Tynewydd Inn so people can socialise.

"We want to thank Stuart at the Tynewydd Inn for donating helium canisters so we can blow up balloons when we #walkinhername.

"There will be a personalised red heart balloon for everyone who has been featured on #walkinhername as well as Ovarian Cancer Action balloons."

Alison says Lesley loved nothing more than being with people and she would have fully approved of the community-minded event.

She says she wants to get across the vital message on ovarian cancer that "early detection is the key to saving lives" - and that if a woman has an unusual symptom they should get it checked out.

The most common symptoms of ovarian cancer are: feeling constantly bloated; a swollen tummy; discomfort in your



Alison Woolcock (right) with her sister Lesley.

tummy or pelvic area; feeling full quickly when eating, or loss of appetite; needing to urinate more often or more urgently than normal. Other symptoms include indigestion or nausea, pain during sex, a change in bowel habits, back pain, vaginal bleeding, tiredness and unintentional weight

loss.

At #walkinhername on Facebook, Alison recounts the stories of people who will be honoured during the walk.

To make a direct donation to Ovarian Cancer Action, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-woolcock

'Bus cuts are a risk' SAYS LOCAL AM

LOCAL AM and UKIP Wales' Shadow Health Secretary, Caroline Jones, has condemned BCBC plans to cut bus subsidies in the county, stating they are a risk to primary care services.

BCBC are consulting on plans to cut bus subsidies on a number of routes, including the Number 61 and 803 routes which link residents in Nottage and the outlying areas of Porthcawl to the town centre.

With the recent closure of GP services in the area and the imminent move of the town's main surgery to purpose-built centre on Newton Nottage Road, the AM is concerned that

the council's plans could make it extremely difficult for some residents to access a GP.

She commented: "BCBC's plans threaten bus services in Porthcawl which are a lifeline for many residents in Nottage and Porthcawl."

"When the plans for the new surgery were unveiled, many residents were concerned about access but were told that there were excellent public transport links - now those links are to be cut.

"I urge BCBC to abandon these plans and I will be raising the matter with the First Minister at the earliest opportunity.

"Bus services are the only way many elderly people can get to their GP or the pharmacy, and these services must be protected."

Author launches his new book

LAST Thursday was a big day for local author John Chislett, when he launched his new novel in the Waterfront, Porthcawl.

John signed copies of his book and gave a talk on the background of the novel to those attending.

The novel is set in Ireland, mainly in the 18th century, but has some 20th century settings. John researched the Irish revolution of 1798 and said that not many people know that there were more killed in the Irish revolution than the American and French revolutions put together. This gave him the focus for his novel.



John Chislett.

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Bridgend Youth Theatre gives a terrific lesson in story-telling with Carousel

REVIEW BY PHILIP IRWIN



Carrie (Phoebe-Ann Lewis) and Jigger (Rob Davis).



James Evans-Jones.

THEY know how to tell a story at the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT), and this was emphasised last week at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, when they presented *Carousel*, the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, on Friday and Saturday (February 23/24).

It's a difficult tale to tell, because the 1950s Hollywood musical has been shown many times, and it presented a fairly sugary version of what is a tale with a dark undercurrent.

The story was set up beautifully in the opening sequence, 'The Carousel Waltz'. As characters appear on stage we see a young woman spinning – as if on the carousel, and we see a handsome young man make his move on her.

It's our introduction to the young mill worker Julie Jordan (played by Lucy Vinen) and the charismatic fairground barker, Billy Bigelow (James Evans-Jones).

The stage clears and we are left with two characters on stage: Julie and her best friend Carrie Phipperidge (Phoebe-Ann Lewis). They may be best friends but the song, 'You're a Queer One, Julie Jordan' establishes that they are very different.

Julie is hankering after something that she can't articulate – love and excitement we think, because that is what Billy Bigelow represents. Carrie expands on her ambitions in life, and they are much more conventional – security and safety – in her song 'When I Marry Mister Snow'.

Mister Snow is a hard-working and ambitious fisherman, and Carrie is happy with what he offers. It may not be exciting, and she confides that she smells of fish after a long day's work, but she knows what she wants – in contrast to Julie.

While they are talking and singing, other

characters appear. We learn from locals that Billy Bigelow is regarded with suspicion in a town where the people are mill workers, whalers or fishermen. He comes from New York – Coney Island in fact – and while local girls flock to him, he is short of real friends.

We learn from the mill owner that Julie and Carrie need to get home to their boarding house before the evening 'curfew' and failure to do so could result in being dismissed. The reckless Julie decides to stay.

We meet Mrs Mullins, the owner of the carousel, who has a bad feeling about Billy and Julie. She and Billy argue, it all escalates, and he threatens her with his fist. It's the first time we see a flash of violence from Billy. He can't handle women who disagree with him. She says he is sacked if he defies her and pursues Julie, but Billy is stubborn.

So now Billy and Julie are both out of work but they only have eyes for each other. They talk around the subject of love for a while in the song 'If I loved You' until they fall into each other's arms.

This all takes place over three songs and perhaps 20 minutes. It's an example of story telling at its best, and it is certainly helped by having three principals who are all just about perfectly cast.

Phoebe-Ann Lewis is a delight as Carrie. She is all sweetness and light and her voice just soars out over the audience, making the most of songs which are so tuneful. It will be interesting to see her in other roles, but she was perfect for this.

Lucy Vinen also has a beautiful voice, which she uses well in 'If I loved You' and later in 'What's the Use of

Wondering', but her character acting captures the sense that Julie is different from her peers. That quality is what attracts Billy to her, and she does it very well.

Finally, James Evans-Jones as Billy rises to the challenge of the role. Last year in BYT's *West Side Story* he did really well as the doomed romantic hero Tony – but Billy is a whole lot darker. It is to James' credit that he does the groundwork for this role in that first 20 minutes.

He gets the swagger that a young man who is a hit with the girls can develop, but that is pretty much his only source of self esteem. He can't think things through and in his frustration, he resorts to violence.

It was this aspect of Billy that 1950s Hollywood sugar coated, but in this day and age that's not an option. James does an excellent job of conveying that lack of self control, tied to immediate contrition, that is Billy's hallmark.

By the time Billy and Julie have sung 'If I loved You' we know James has a superb voice, but the big challenge is 'Soliloquies' – an eight-minute marathon that comes when Julie reveals they are expecting a child.

It's full of light and shade as Billy is in turn proud, confident, scared, reflective and finally, in a big finish, determined to be a good father. That big finish offers a great chance for a good singer to shine, and he grabbed it with both hands, getting a prolonged ovation on the night I saw the show.

Whenever I review a BYT show, I start to get guilty at all the young actors on stage who also deserve praise. The lead roles take the limelight but there is so much more.

Yet another great

voice belongs to Mali Thomas, who plays Nettie. She does, of course, get to sing the now-iconic 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and she does so beautifully.

In fact, when the company is singing the ensemble numbers, the standard is just so high.

Only a month ago, Meg Morris was playing the lead role of Christine in Porthcawl Comprehensive's *Phantom of the Opera*.

However, the BYT is so well off for voices, she was able to rest her vocal chords and showcase her dancing instead.

She took the role of Billy and Julie's daughter, Louise, and performed an extended ballet sequence which indicated how she was in danger of repeating her parents' mistakes. She's a member of the Miss Sian Dixon School of Dance, and performed this dance with fellow school members Harly Videan and Harry Thomas alternating in the role.

Billy's plan for providing for his child involves coming under the spell of his crooked friend Jigger. It's a plan that goes tragically wrong, of course, and Billy dies as a result. Rob Davis was an excellent Jigger, a young man with charm and zero conscience – someone who has total misguided faith in his ability to plan something.

The BYT's depth of talent provides another problem for reviewers. The night I saw the show, the role of Mr Snow was played by Owen Rhys Evans, who was excellent. However, he alternated the role with Jack Williams, and all I can say is that I have it on good authority that Jack was also very good.

The same problem applies to the role of Mrs Mullins, the carousel owner. The night I was there, she was played by



The cast on stage for their encore.



One of the dance routines.



Billy Bigelow (James Evans-Jones) and Julie Jordan (Lucy Vinen).
ALL PHOTOS BY ANNIE DAVIES.

Lois Hadley, and sharing the role was Aisling Thomas. All I can say is that Lois was very good and so I am told, was Aisling.

BYT artistic director Roger Burnell and his team know what they are doing when it comes to the theatre. I've been reviewing their shows for over 15 years now, and this was one of the best. It's hard to see how that first 20 minutes could be improved and it shows what can be done when three young actors are so well cast.

Shelly Rees is an experienced assistant director, and Annie Davies did a fine job on the choreography, (while Sian Dixon choreographed the ballet elements). Nick Burnell's set design was simple but versatile, and worked well when Billy met his guardian angels in heaven.

As usual, the total concentration of every cast member was a feature of this BYT show. The young ones pay just as much attention to their role on stage as do their elders. They understand what is expected of them and it's a credit to the company's teamwork.

The musical director, Nathan Jones, put

together an excellent orchestra for the show, and the balance between orchestra volume and the singers on stage was absolutely spot on.

At The GEM, we get regular letters about school productions saying: "It was just like a West End show".

I take those with a pinch of salt because what is being showcased is potential, not the finished article. James Evans-Jones and Lucy Vinen, to name just two, are off to do three years at drama college, and there is a reason for that.

Nevertheless, this production, as with so many other BYT shows, had a sizeable number of wonderful moments – and long may that continue.

It was 10 years ago that BYT last did *Carousel*. That was a great show too and its two leads, Katie Elin Salt (Julie Jordan) and Allyn Hawke (Billy Bigelow) have both enjoyed steady employment in the theatre and TV world since they passed through the BYT, on their way to drama college.

It really would be no surprise to see that pattern repeated with the 2018 *Carousel* line up.

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'THE BATTLE FOR EQUALITY IS ONGOING'

WHEN is a battle won? When is it just a ceasefire, a truce that means the battle is not over? I am not talking about Afghanistan, Iraq, or Syria although the words could apply to any of them.

I'm talking about the battle for equality for women as indicated by votes for women.

This year marks 100 years since women over 30, who were married to a ratepayer, or were one themselves, were allowed to vote.

All men over 21 had the vote without

qualifications. The battle was not over even then. It took until 1928 for women to be given the vote at the same age as men, and without any marital status or household qualifications.

The 1918 Representation of the People Act (RPA) was a smoke screen. The government were terrified of the thousands of working class, battle hardy men returning from the front, who had no vote, and who had the example of the Russian Revolution before them.

The majority of these men had not been given the vote in the Parliament Act of 1911 which had set the maximum term of a

Parliament at five years for the first time.

The 1918 RPA also introduced the idea of electors voting in the constituency where they were registered and on one single day, rather than over several days as it had in the past.

The decision to require women to be 30 before being allowed to vote was to ensure men remained the majority. The Parliamentary (Qualification of Women) Act of November 1918 allowed women to stand for Parliament.

Seventeen women did stand, only one of them in Wales, when the election took place on December 14. When the votes were finally counted on December

26, only one was elected – Constance Markievicz, who did not take her seat as a Sinn Féin MP. It was not until 1919 that Nancy Astor became the first woman to enter the Commons.

Progress was slow. In 1929, Megan Lloyd George was elected as Liberal MP for Anglesey, a seat she held until 1951. In 1957-1966 she stood as a Labour MP and held Carmarthen.

Locally, Edith Picton Turbeville of Ewenny stood for Labour in 1922 in North Islington, the seat now held by Jeremy Corbyn. She failed here and in Stroud in 1924, but took the Wrekin in 1929-1931.

Dorothy Rees held

Barry for one year 1950-51; Eirene White took East Flintshire in 1950 but when she moved to the House of Lords in 1970, Wales was left with no women MPs for 14 years.

In 1984, Ann Clwyd took the first safe Labour seat of Cynon Valley, having stepped down from the European Parliament, where she had served from 1979-1984.

The Labour Party introduced all-women short lists for safe Labour seats which changed things. In 1997, three new Welsh Labour MPs were elected – Julie Morgan, Jackie Lawrence and Betty Williams. No new women MPs were elected in Wales in 2001.

In 2005, I was elected as only the fifth Welsh woman MP to be elected on an open selection. I was joined by my colleagues Nia Griffiths, Jessica Morton, Sian James and Jenny Willott for the Lib Dems. Susan Ellen Jones joined us in 2010.

The 2017 election brought another four new Welsh Labour MPs and finally broke the record of 489 women elected to the Commons since 1918.

This was, for the first time, more than the number of men currently sitting in the Commons,



WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK
Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON
writes her monthly report from Westminster for The GEM.

matter? Last week, I spoke to Brownies in Coity who were working for their badge celebrating the 100 years of women's parliamentary suffrage.

These Brownies have grown up in a world where women are MPs, hold senior roles as prime ministers, judges, lawyers, company directors, chief constables, Olympic athletes and scientists.

They see women teachers, nurses, doctors, councillors as part of their everyday life, yet a recent survey of Girl Guides found they lacked confidence, role models, and faced bullying on a regular basis and 55 per cent said they faced gender stereotypes which stop them saying what they really feel.

An alarming 97 per cent reported facing everyday sexism in marketing and advertising.

With the recent revelation of sexual harassment, bullying, and sexual assault experienced by women in the arts, media, military and politics, we cannot say the battle for equality has been won.

The horrific stories of sexual exploitation of young girls in care shows our failure to protect vulnerable children.

One in four women

experience domestic violence and two women a week will be murdered by their current or former partners in England and Wales.

Domestic violence makes up 10 per cent of all crime, a rise of two per cent from last year.

In the 46 years since the passing of the Equal Pay Act there have been improvements. In 1997, women doing the same jobs as a man earned on average just over 17 per cent less; now it is 9.4 per cent lower. It's nothing to be proud of.

In 2006, Britain was the ninth most gender equal country. Today it is the 20th in the World Economic Forum index. The index is based on economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and political empowerment.

Ahead of us are, as you may expect, the Scandinavian countries and Germany. Also there are some of the Baltic countries, who are currently celebrating 100 years of their existence, the majority under the Soviet bloc and yet they are doing better than Britain on an equalities index.

The battle for equality is not over. Yes, we should celebrate the winning of the franchise in 1918, but today's young women and girls still have much to fight

FARMER RAISES KEY ISSUES WITH AM



A FOURTH generation farmer from Bridgend has highlighted why #FarmingMatters when he met Ogmores AM Huw Irranca-Davies at his farm to raise awareness of the concerns for farming in Wales.

Will Howells, who has taken over his grandfather's 143 hectare holding, Baiden

Farm at Cefn Cribbwr, runs 16 cattle and 600 ewes. The farm includes owned and rented land.

The family have also invested in two Gaia wind turbines on the farm, which were installed in 2014 and 2015, and the farm is in the Glastir Entry and Advanced Scheme.

Speaking at his farm, Will said: "I would like to thank Huw Irranca-Davies AM for joining us here at Baiden Farm and listening to our

concerns about the future of our industry.

"We discussed many #FarmingMatters such as funding for the future, the next generation of farmers and how we can attract more young people to take up farming, bovine TB and agri-environmental schemes.

"It is very important that the public, and politicians, understand the implications if farming gets a bad deal after we leave the EU and what is likely to happen to food security, our rural economy and our way of life here in Wales."

Rachel Saunders, the FUW's Glamorgan CEO highlighted the need for urgent funding security.

She said: "We know that the UK Government has said that it will match the current EU budget that supports farming and our rural economies; but how that money gets to Wales and how it is

managed has not been determined.

"That of course is a real problem for our farmers like Will and his family, because they can't plan for the future.

"It is encouraging to hear First Minister Carwyn Jones backing the industry and we recently heard him say that 'agricultural funding will have to be held in a separate pot and dealt with in a different way'.

"However, there is a risk that it could go through the Barnett Formula, which will reduce the £260m to around £150m and spell disaster for our rural economy.

"The FUW is now actively lobbying for the money to be assigned from the UK Government to Wales, for agriculture, and we really appreciated being able to raise this with Huw Irranca-Davies on the farm."

'Branch closures are failure of banking system'

CHRIS Elmore, MP for Ogmores, has expressed his anger at the continued closure of local banks across Ogmores.

Following the decision of NatWest to close its branches in Maesteg and Pencoed, Mr Elmore's constituency now only has one bank to serve its 58,000 residents.

During a recent debate in Parliament Mr Elmore stated that the developing programme of closures of banks across the UK was a "shocking failure of the banking system".

Speaking after the debate, Mr Elmore said: "While I understand that

many of our banking services are available online, we can't have a situation where all of our high street bank branches close.

"There are many people without good access – or indeed any access – to the internet, and we cannot just leave these people behind.

"The banking sector needs to realise it has a responsibility to give back to the communities which have supported it financially over many, many years."

NatWest announced that they would close the branches in Maesteg and Pencoed alongside a series of national closures in June 2018.

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Porthcawl News 1918 by CERI JOSEPH



The post office in 1918 is at bottom right.

EARLY in April 1918, Mr and Mrs William Hodgson of 8, George Street received a letter from their son, Private James Hodgson, 19, Cheshire Regiment '... it seemed as though all Germany was massed against the British line. I am sorry to say that I have lost all my dear pals.' (Porthcawl News, April 4 1918)

Private Hodgson was referring to March 24, where at Baupame the Cheshires were almost wiped out. Thankfully James Hodgson survived, married Winifred Jenkins in 1921 and moved to 21 Westbourne Place; where he died in 1965.

As a result of the huge losses sustained at Passchendaele and Cambrai, and Lloyd George's refusal to commit the number of men Haig requested to the Western Front, the situation necessitated a reorganisation of battalions. As the cadre strength in each

Division was reduced from 12 battalions to nine some were disbanded altogether, including the 16th Cardiff City Battalion.

Therefore, expecting a massive German attack and being greatly outnumbered, the only tactic that the British could employ was one of defence.

At 4.40am on March 21, a barrage of shells rained down on the British line for five hours, followed by the advance of stormtroopers who travelled lightly carrying only weaponry. Named Operation Michael and greatly helped by thick fog, the Germans attacked the Third Army under General Byng, Arras region; and the Fifth Army under General Gough, in the Somme region. Four Porthcawlians died defending these British positions.

One of their number included Corporal Percy Henry Brooke, 2/7 Lancashire Fusiliers, 66th Division, Fifth Army. Percy had been born on January 16, 1891 one of four sons, to Oliver and Rosa Brooke of Philadelphia House, Philadelphia

Road. After leaving the National School, Lias Road, he worked as an ironmonger's assistant. In January 1915, Percy and his older brother William assisted as drivers for the Royal Army Medical Corps at the Rest Home, but on December 10, 1915 the pair enlisted for general service at Bridgend.

On September 19, 1916, they were appointed to the 2/7th Lancashire Fusiliers, at Grantham Lincolnshire, from whence the battalion was posted to France on February 28, 1917. In October 1917, William, who had been wounded at Passchendaele, was sent home to the 3rd Western General Hospital at Cardiff, whereas Percy remained with the battalion. After being missing for many weeks, Corporal Percy Henry Brooke was reported as having been killed in action on March 21, 1918 and was buried at Templeux le Geurard British Cemetery, the Somme. He was 27 years old.

After recovering from his wounds, William was transferred to the Labour Corps until October 1919, when he came home to

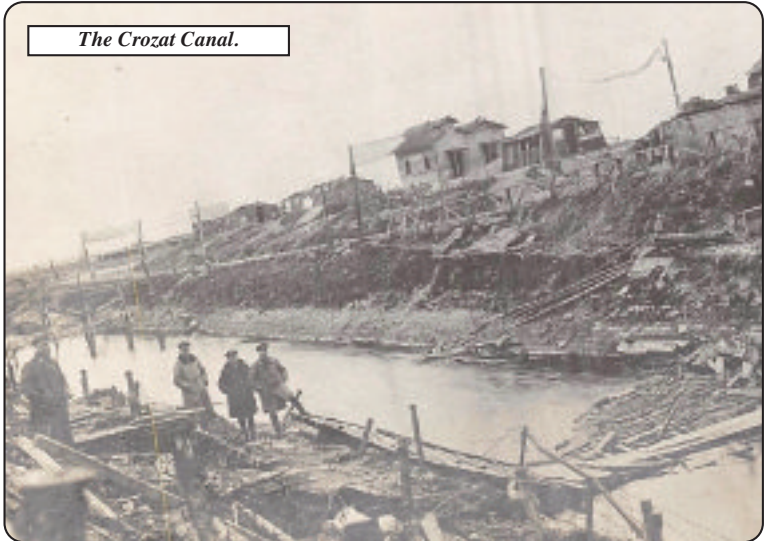
wife Mary and son James, and returned to his job as a postman in Kenfig Hill.

Also on March 21, Sergeant Robert Williams 'B' Battery 293rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery was killed near Cambrai serving with the 25th Division, as part of Byng's Third Army.

Sgt Williams' wife, Minnie, heard of his death through a letter from another Porthcawlian fighting that day. Quarter Master Sergeant Jack Jones wrote of his sorrow, and that he had been in charge of the party that had buried her husband. Bob Williams was one of five boys and three girls born to John and Jennett Cottages, Newton. Before the war he had worked as a labourer in the local quarry and had joined the Territorial Glamorgan Horse Artillery at Port Talbot.

In December 1914, he married Minnie Brown and they set up home at Poplar House, Newton where son Robbie was born in the summer of 1916. In August 1916, the Glamorgan RHA was attached to the 'B' Bty

The Crozat Canal.



293rd Brigade and sailed from Southampton on January 21, 1917. Bob had been home on leave in the February before his death and was expected home again for a month's furlough at the end of April 1918.

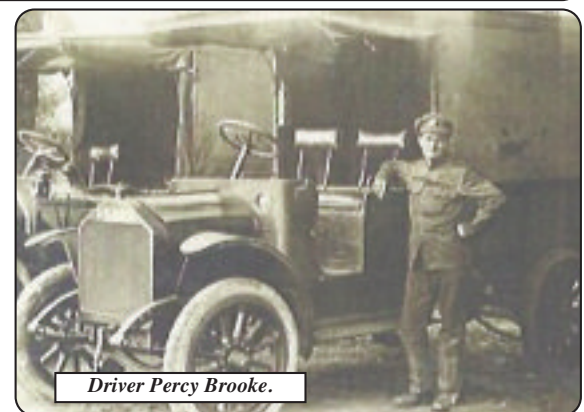
Sergeant Williams is buried at Beaumetz Cross Roads Cemetery, Beaumetz-Les-Cambrai, he was 23 years old.

By March 23, the Germans had reached the Crozat Canal between the Rivers Somme and Oise, which was being defended by the 54th Brigade, part of the Fifth Army (which included the 6th Northamptonshire Battalion). It was here that Lance Corporal Richard Wallace Burnell was killed by trench mortar.

Born in 1892, Wally, as he was known, was one of three sons born to William and Martha Burnell, 'Craigrone', 25 Mary Street. After leaving school, he worked as a bricklayer in his father's building business, often acting as foreman. According to his obituary, he was an excellent golfer, cricketer and rugby player, though not quite as good as his cousin, Welsh International Clem Lewis who had served with the 16th Battalion, Welsh Regiment.

On November 8, 1915, at Porthcawl, Wally was attested to the 23rd Pioneer Welsh Regiment, being appointed Lance Corporal Burnell on December 1. On March 21, 1916, as Sapper Burnell, he was transferred to the Inland Water Transport Section of the Royal Engineers at Chatham.

On January 13, 1917, at Bridgend, he married Winifred Rees, who went to live with his parents at 'Craigrone' while he was away at war. On May 29, 11 days after the death of his uncle Chief Petty Officer Richard Power, wrote in early March



Driver Percy Brooke.

Mercantile Marine, he was again transferred to the 4th Reserve Battalion Northampton Regiment; finally being posted to France on August 8 where he joined the 6th Battalion.

Writing to his widow, 2nd Lieutenant Austin Ross stated that: "As we evacuated the area directly afterwards, it was impossible to bury him". (Porthcawl News, April 18, 1918). Lance Corporal Richard Wallace Burnell's body was never recovered and he is remembered on the Pozieres Memorial, France.

On March 25, as the Germans advanced on the Third Army near Arras, a company of Lancashire Fusiliers, 42nd Division attempted to stem the attack at Sapignies and once again were faced with massed machine guns and had to withdraw. Heavy casualties were reported, one of whom was Private Harold Upham, 10, Vintern Terrace. Harold was born in Tiverton, Devon in 1898 to George and Elizabeth Upham.

George's job as a domestic gardener brought the family to Porthcawl c 1908. Harold involved himself in local life until he enlisted at Bridgend in 1916. In late 1917, his unit was posted to France from whence he wrote in early March

1918, thanking the Porthcawl post office (Coral Bookies today) for the parcel sent to him at Christmas, which he hadn't received until February 1. Private Harold Upham is remembered on the Arras Memorial and on his parents' grave at St John's Church, Newton. He was 20 years old.

On March 26, at a conference at Doullens called by Douglas Haig, General Foch was given overall command of the Western Front. Simultaneously, General Ludendorff changed his objectives and focused his German armies on the capture of Amiens and an advance toward Compiègne. Both these objectives failed, as did the attack on Byng's Third Army near Arras.

The speed of the German infantry had been its undoing. By advancing so far it had been separated from food supplies and ammunition. By the end of March, Gough's 5th Army had suffered 177,739 casualties and Byng's 3rd Army 78,860. The Germans had advanced 40 miles but had not only not

achieved any of their objectives, but had suffered 239,000 casualties.

Finally, on the home front it was understood that the project of building concrete ships at Porthcawl was making satisfactory progress. A syndicate formed in previous months had secured a lease from the Great Western Railway of the dock and surrounding area to build barges and smaller craft. The whole concept of concrete ships had been considered nationally due to the lack of wood and steel supplies for shipbuilding. On August 2, 1917, Nicolay Fougner of Norway launched the first self-propelled reinforced concrete ship, which interested the American Government.

Consequently, the first American ferrocement ship, SS Faith was launched March 18, 1918. Ultimately, America built 11 more ships but after the war, the concept was mothballed; and as you can imagine Porthcawl did not get that contract.

'Aussie flu can be a killer' WARNS LOCAL MAN

A BARRY man has told THE GEM that a two-week bout of Australian flu was one of the worst experiences of his life.

Mark Hooper (57) who works as a contractor at Port Talbot Steel Works and has prided himself on his fitness over the years, said he was concerned that people should realise that it is a life-threatening condition.

He explained: "What I suffered would have killed a pensioner. My ribs and bones were aching and my body was so weak. It was as if I'd gone 10 rounds with

Mike Tyson.

"People should realise that Australian flu isn't normal flu."

Mark said that if pensioners experienced extreme symptoms they should seek medical advice. "I'm 14 stones and a fit guy, but one day I started shivering and the next day I was sweating."

"I was in bed for nine days and didn't get any sleep. Every day was a challenge."

He felt so ill at that one stage that he thought he might die. Mark drank lots of water and green teas with honey. He knew it was important to keep eating, even though he'd lost his appetite, and ate simple foods like boiled eggs and ham.

He pointed out that many pensioners enjoy travelling and should be aware that they might pick up a bug on a trip. The NHS says flu

symptoms include sudden fever, aching body, feeling exhausted, a chesty cough, sore throat, headache, difficulty sleeping, loss of appetite, diarrhoea or stomach pain, and nausea.

The advice is to rest and sleep, keep warm, if necessary take paracetamol or ibuprofen to lower your temperature, and to treat aches and discomfort, and to drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.

Last week, after a two-week struggle, Mark was back on his feet and rates himself "85 per cent better" and on the road to recovery.

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From South Wales to New South Wales for rugby player Lynsey

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A WOMAN who lives in Barry has been selected to play for England in the first ever World Deaf Rugby 7s tournament being held in Sydney, Australia.

Lynsey Phillips, a mother of two who works as an early years practitioner, moved to Wales during the 1999 World Cup.

She explained: "I grew up in Bexhill in east Sussex, and had issues with my hearing from when I was young. I had my first hearing aid at the age of 15.

"You do not have to be profoundly deaf to play deaf rugby; there is a range of levels of hearing loss among players."

Lynsey (42) started playing rugby at the University of Surrey more than 20 years ago. She now plays for Barry Ladies RFC.

"I also now play for England Deaf Ladies' team. The first game that I played with them was at Cardiff Arms Park in January 2015 against Penallta.

"So far this season we have played Devon Ladies and Portsmouth Valkyries, and on March 24 we are due to play Preston."

That is just before Lynsey is due to fly out to Australia to compete for England in the first World Deaf Rugby 7s.

Wales doesn't have a deaf ladies first fifteen or sevens squad – if they had, Lynsey says she could have been representing Wales!



Lynsey Phillips.

Her nan Audrey, who lives in Eastbourne, has just turned 100.

Audrey's brother Frank, who passed away recently, lived in Australia for 50 years and Lynsey hopes to meet up with his children during the 7s trip.

The England Deaf Rugby Union is a charity and each player has to self-fund travel costs and accommodation.

If people would like to help Lynsey they should go to: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lynsey-englanddeaf-Australia.

She added: "I am also holding a quiz night on Thursday, March 15 at Barry Rugby Club at 7.30pm. It is £7 a person, with a maximum of six people per team with a cash prize for the winners. People can contact me on 07903 821 063 for details and to register a team."

Referee Nigel supports St David's Day Samaritans volunteer campaign

NIGEL Owens is supporting Samaritans in Wales for their latest campaign this St David's Day by helping recruit new volunteers.

Bridgend Samaritans is on the lookout for volunteers so they can grow their service and provide the best possible support to those who are most in need.

Supported by Network Rail, Bridgend Samaritans will be at railway stations in their local communities at Bridgend and Pontyclun handing out information on volunteering and some free gifts for those who help share the campaign. Make sure to look out for their green t-shirts!

Samaritans has nine branches across Wales and a South Wales Valleys Project which

offers support to valleys communities. All 10 are on the lookout for new volunteers to join their community.

Nigel Owens MBE, supporter of Samaritans in Wales said: "I'm proud to be supporting Samaritans this St David's Day and helping them to find new volunteers right across our communities in Wales. Whether you think you have the skills to become a volunteer or know someone who would be perfect for the job, I urge you to join me and help them to share the campaign far and wide.

"Samaritans are there for people who are really struggling to cope and I wish I had known of their service back when I was in such a dark place. To be able to support someone through a time like that is a real gift, and I know there are people out there who could help them grow their support even further."

There are different ways you can support Samaritans as a volunteer. They are known for the support they offer their callers on the phone but they also offer support by email, face to face and letters. Helping Samaritans in

this way is known as being a 'listening volunteer'. However, you don't have to be a listening volunteer and you can support them in many other ways, which can include marketing, fundraising, outreach or administrative roles.

You can make an amazing difference at Samaritans helping to support people when they need someone to talk to or they are going through a difficult time in their life. Samaritans welcome and value every volunteer, from all walks of life.

Andy Thomas, route managing director for Network Rail in Wales and Borders, said: "We work closely with the Samaritans, BTP and our partners Arriva Trains Wales to make sure people are aware of the support available to them. The work of the Samaritans saves lives and together we are urging members of the public to volunteer and help improve support for those in need in Wales and Borders."

To find out more about volunteering at one of Samaritans ten locations across Wales, email volunteering.wales@samaritans.org or call 02922 406305.



Helen Huggins was thrilled to be given the evening's premier award.

Helen named 'Welsh Florist of the Year'

HELEN Huggins of Beautiful Lily Florist, High Street, Barry, was named 'Welsh Florist of the Year' at the Welsh Wedding Awards 2018.

The announcement was made on February 19 at Cardiff's The Exchange venue, which hosted the inaugural Welsh Wedding Awards.

Helen told THE GEM: "I was delighted to win awards for best florist in my region (South East) and The Welsh Florist of the Year."

"Thank you to all who nominated me. It came as a huge surprise."

"I am truly overwhelmed by all the lovely messages and

cards."

Helen puts her success down to a lot of hard work and loving her job – she's even decided to hold a competition to celebrate her involvement with the Welsh Wedding Awards. "I am giving away a bridal bouquet worth £90. To be in with a chance to win, people should email beautifullylilyflorist@outlook.com and send over their details – name, date of the wedding, and colour theme, and quote: LILY18."

The winner will be drawn on Saturday, March 31. For more information, go to: www.beautifullylily.vpweb.co.uk; and on Facebook go to Beautiful Lily Flowers by Helen.

Jobcentre providing support for unemployed

WITHIN Bridgend and the Vale the unemployment position is positive, with overall unemployment figures by gender and age generally remaining in line with, or below the Wales average.

This picture is reflected across Wales, where the employment level has risen on the quarter to 1.44m.

Locally, there is a continued focus on providing support and opportunities for all customers, including those with complex needs.

Bridgend Jobcentre recently held an information and support event in conjunction with partner organisations, including Bridgend County Borough Council, to promote the range of specialist services available to customers.

Additionally they will hold a jobs fair at The Hi Tide, Porthcawl on

March 8 between 10am and 12pm.

Over 20 employers will be in attendance including Home Bargains, Park Dean, Dominos, South Wales Police, CGI and Poundland.

The Jobcentre is also working closely with employers including Circle Support, NCS Support Solutions and Just Perfect Catering to support their current recruitment exercises.

Bridgend Jobcentre is also working with Adult Community Learning to deliver a series of IT courses to help customers improve their digital skills, collaborating with Awen Cultural Trust to offer customers digital work experience placements within local libraries and supporting Bridgend College's 'Prepare to Construct' course for those with an interest in working within the construction industry.

Victoria Taylor, LMS

New group aims to tackle loneliness

'CONTACT The Elderly' is a national charity dedicated to tackling loneliness and social isolation among older people through face to face contact.

They recently launched their latest group which covers the areas of Llanharan, Brynna, Pencoe, Llanharry, Ynysmaerdy, Brynna and Bryncae.

Volunteer-led Sunday tea parties are organised in a volunteer host's home and guests must be aged over 70 and living alone. Transport is also provided for the guests via volunteer drivers, who transport them to and from the venue for afternoon tea.

Ogmore Assembly Member and Welsh Government Minister



Huw Irranca-Davies popped in to enjoy a cuppa and good conversation along with RCT Cllr Geraint Hopkins and local councillor Roger Turner. They met at the Llanharan Welfare Hall as a special afternoon tea for the official launch of the group.

Following the visit the AM said: "It was a pleasure to meet up with

Sarah and guests for the launch of their new group in Llanharan. The members, aged between 70-87 years, all suffer from loneliness and these afternoon teas provide a great opportunity to enjoy a nice meal while forming new friendships.

"We can all play our part to combat loneliness and social isolation by working together. Well done to all involved and a

big shout out to the volunteers who give their time freely – they are a critical part of the future success of these much needed groups."

If you know anyone who may benefit from these monthly sessions, or if you are interested in volunteering with the 'Contact The Elderly' groups see: www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

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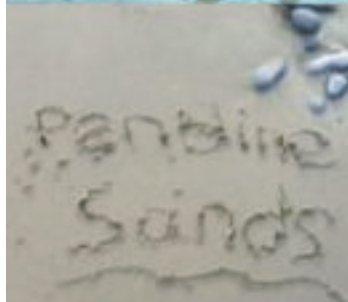
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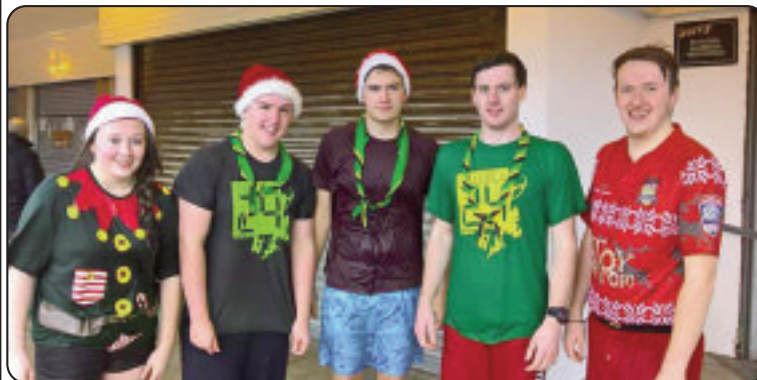


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Tom Jones tribute

THE Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals standing committee in conjunction with the management of the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl are holding a 'Tribute to Tom Jones' featuring Dean Jones; and dancing to DJ Robbie Owen, in aid of the chosen charities for 2017-2018 on Saturday, March 3 from 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50, to include a set meal.

Tickets from M Major on 01656 651491 and the Hi-Tide on 01656 782432.

Councillor's surgery

CLLR Carolyn Webster, Welsh Conservative Councillor for the Newcastle Ward, Bridgend, invites residents to her monthly surgery in Bridgend Library, Halo Recreation Centre, Bridgend on Saturday, March 3 between 10am and 12pm. No appointment is necessary.

Contact Carolyn on 077435 74786 or email cllr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk

THE Bridgend Explorer Unit took part in the Porthcawl Christmas Swim.

Due to the sponsorship and fundraising over that day we raised more than £1,000.

From the Sainsbury's bag packs we ran towards the end of 2017 with Meningitis Now, we raised approximately £600.

Upcoming events are bag packs on March 3, April 28 and May 28 in the Co-operative, with plans for more fundraising activities

before we go to Kandersteg this summer.

The group is approximately halfway to the target of £9,000, with opportunities to raise more money.

If you have events we can help out at if it is a donation, contact us at: explorekandersteg2018@gmail.com

The group are based in Bridgend and have meetings in Nottage and Pen y Fai. If anyone aged 14-18 wants to see what it is we do and join our group they are very welcome.

Conor Farrell-John
(Explorer Scout)

Local groups meet potential funders at local event

COMMUNITY groups and local clubs have gained one-to-one access to the latest funding opportunities at an event hosted by Ogmere MP and AM, Chris Elmore and Huw Irranca-Davies.

The local duo's annual funding advice day was held at Llanharan Rugby Club and provided local residents with information from 15 different funding providers.

Members of over 50 local organisations attended the event following the success of last year's inaugural advice day in Pencoed.

Speaking after the event, Mr Elmore said: "Huw and I are deeply passionate about facilitating events such as these to many of the fantastic clubs and community groups; access to advice on what

funding opportunities are out there and what support services are available to help guide them through the bidding process.

"It's great to see so many new groups emerging year-on-year and people benefiting from the new funding providers which attended this year."

This year, new funders TATA Steel, Rockwool and the Institute of Fundraising Cymru were on hand to provide support and advice to those who attended.

Local clubs and community groups who were unable to attend this year's funding advice day are advised to contact Chris Elmore's office on 01656 860034 to request a funding advice pack and notification of new funding opportunities as and when they become available.

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Vale Council says pitch surface was 'playable'

The sand covered pitch at Maslin Park.



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ISLAND MARINE Football Club contacted the Vale Council on Twitter to highlight the poor state of their pitch – but the council responded by pointing out that when its staff left the pitch it was playable.

The club posted an image and complained: “@VOGCouncil sides pay £500 a year and this is how they (pitches) are maintained. “This is one of 10 patches of deep sand just dumped on the pitch. To go from a hard to a soft surface is really dangerous. I hope no one gets injured.”

A Vale Council spokesperson said its staff had worked hard to make sure local pitches were safe for players.

“With so many football fixtures falling victim to the weather recently, the council

was keen to make every effort to ensure last weekend's matches went ahead.

“Emergency work was carried out at a number of venues and when leaving the pitch in question, council staff were satisfied the surface was both safe and playable. However, the final decision on this matter rests with the referee.

“The council invests significant sums in the maintenance of its pitches throughout the year and continues, at present, to significantly subsidise pitch costs.”

Suspected 'air gun attack' on Rhoose cat?

RSPCA Cymru has appealed for information after a cat appears to have been shot by an air gun in Rhoose.

The black cat, named Sooty - from Ody's Fee, Rhoose - was discovered to have a pellet under his skin after he was taken to a local vet by his concerned owner.

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said: “Sooty's owner found a lump on his abdomen and took him to the vets to get it checked out.

“At the vets, they found a pellet under his skin, which has likely been there for a week or two.

“Luckily the pellet hasn't seemed to cause any lasting damage or injury to Sooty and it isn't necessary to remove it at this time, but would have been extremely painful at the time.”

RSPCA Cymru is appealing for information to try and find out what happened to Sooty. If anyone has any information, they are urged to call the RSPCA's inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018, which is in confidence.



TC Sooty with his owner George.

Man is charged over fatal assault

ON Tuesday, February 27, police charged a 44-year-old man from Llanharry with manslaughter following a fatal assault in Maesteg last year.

Gavin Rees, 24, died of his injuries three weeks after the incident at Maesteg Community Hospital car park on August 30.

Jeffrey Shepherd, who has been on bail since the incident, will appear at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Friday, March 30.

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THE Lions Clubs of the British Isles are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International, 100 years of proud service to our communities.

Our Patron, HRH, The Countess of Wessex GCVO hosted a reception at Buckingham Palace on February 28 to help Lions Clubs mark this milestone.

Lion Larry Pearce represented Porthcawl Lions Club and joined members from across the British Isles at the Centenary Reception

together with the organisations' charity partners.

Porthcawl Lions help their local community through fundraising and organising events such as the annual Porthcawl May Fair.

Lions Clubs International supports major projects that address diabetes, youth, the environment, hunger relief, childhood cancer and sight issues affecting communities throughout the world.

For more information contact Lions PRO Sonia Wilkinson on soniawilkinson@btinternet.com.

Bridgend Quiz League results

RESULTS for February 26 were as follows:

Tondu Railway Club 53 Crown Maesteg 39; Mackworth Arms 44 Five Bells A 42; Laleston Inn A 52 TyRisha Royals 42; Chatterton Shunters 59 Oddfellows Arms Bettws 25; Pheasant Gamekeepers 47 Laleston Inn B 51; Cabo Roche 47 Pheasant Poachers 41; Five Bells B 44 Prince of Wales Coychurch 53.

This week's teasers

are:

- (1) What name is given to the fruits of the blackthorn tree?
- (2) In which European country was the Escudo the currency?
- (3) Which company built the World War Two aircraft the Mosquito?

Steve Kingscott
(Sec BDQL)

(3) De Havilland.
(2) Portugal.
(1) Stoberry.
ANSWERS

Tracy hoping to power her way to medal success!



Powerlifter Tracy O'Callaghan will be competing at the European Masters Championships in Sweden on March 7.

LLANTWIT MAJOR powerlifter Tracy O'Callaghan has been chosen to represent Great Britain in the European Masters Championship in Helsingborg, Sweden, and competes on March 7 with family and friends all behind her.

Following a tough qualifying competition last December, which saw her blitz a strong and experienced field in Horncastle, Lincolnshire, Tracy has been asked to represent Great Britain this March, and also compete in Canada this coming June where she will compete in the World Masters Championships in Calgary.

This isn't the first time Canada beckons though, after being part of a Welsh team that travelled to Vancouver for the Commonwealth Championships back in December 2015, where she picked up three bronze medals and a silver.

The focus right now is on Sweden, and comes after some real

hard work and preparation over the past year. With help from the Welsh Powerlifting Association, she has had the benefit of personal coach Ryan Griffiths, who has been getting her into medal contention for this coming competition.

Support has always been there from day one though, when this journey began back in 2013, from the team and members of Force Strength and Conditioning, Llandow.

Chris Jones, co-owner and trainer, is delighted for Tracy:

"We are really proud of Tracy and everything she has achieved. All the hard work and dedication has paid off."

"We are sure she has the potential for even greater success. Her training and competition has not only impressed but inspired everyone at Force."

All family and friends wish her well for Sweden and can't wait to see her medals when she returns!

Cowbridge 10k up and running for 2018!

LAST October, there were record numbers of runners in the 'Cowbridge 10k' event and over £7,000 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

A total of 435 competitors came from all over south Wales and there was lots of praise for the course and for the organisation.

The Cowbridge 10k committee has just had a meeting and is starting to make preparations for this year's event.

Anne Birt told The GEM: "The date is Sunday, September 30, and, all being well, it will

be based as usual at Cowbridge Rugby Club. The courses for the 5k and 10k remain the same as last year – hopefully there will be less mud this time around!"

"We raised £7,200 in 2017 and with the support of the Cowbridge community and those taking part, we would love to achieve even more this year."

As well as the charity runs, there will be entertainment on the day and the popular goody bags.

If people would like to help the event, Anne can be reached on 07976 646 375.

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THE locally-based charity 2 Wish Upon a Star has announced plans for its annual two-day sponsored bike ride.

This year the ride will be called '2 Wish on 2 Wheels' and has had an exciting makeover!

For previous cyclists the challenge and the spirit remains the same, but this year there is a new route aimed at raising awareness of the charity across west Wales.

The riders will follow a route which will include cycling through towns that have an emergency unit working with 2 Wish Upon a Star.

The event will start on June 1 in Haverfordwest, with the cyclists riding to Llanelli for the overnight stop. On day two, the route runs from Llanelli to Miskin, finishing with the traditional big annual party.

There is a registration fee of £120 which includes the costs of an overnight stay in Llanelli, snacks and water, a newly-designed



cycling jersey, and a finisher's medal.

The minimum sponsorship amount that each rider needs to raise is £150. The event will begin on Friday, June 1 at 7am and is scheduled to finish the next day at 3pm.

Over the last five years, 2 Wish Upon a Star has raised more than £400,000 through this annual event.

The aims of 2 Wish Upon a Star are to raise

funds to improve bereavement services in Wales by:

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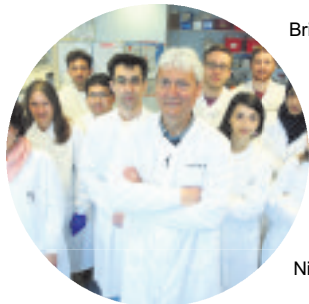
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Out & About with The GEM

I, Tonya and Lady Bird impress on the big screen...

IN Oscar season, high-profile films tend to come along at a rapid pace, and last week saw two films that have picked up nominations released in cinemas in *Lady Bird* and *I, Tonya*.

The former tells the story of Lady Bird (Saoirse Ronan), a 17-year-old wanting to break free from the chains of her home life to engage in the wider world; but, like most 17-year-olds, what she wants from the world can offer her are two different things entirely.

The latter is a recounting of how Tonya Harding (played by Margot Robbie) grew from a precociously talented ice skater under the 'guidance' of her mother Lavona (Alison Janney) to a figure of hate as she was implicated in an attack on her rival Nancy Kerrigan in 1994...

Lady Bird marks the directorial debut of Greta Gerwig, who also wrote the screenplay. Gerwig, likely best known to mainstream audiences as Russell Brand's love interest in his dull remake of *Arthur*, does a nice line in disenfranchised women trying to get ahead in the world, and she uses this here in a coming-of-age tale that is both witty and warm, a film that doesn't sugarcoat the notion of growing up and the travails that it brings.

It's anchored by an exceptional turn from Saoirse Ronan as the titular Lady Bird, refusing to answer to her birth name in an attempt to show her independence and her artistic side and whose opening scene (an argument with her mother, played in a wonderful performance by Laurie Metcalfe, about her choice of college) runs the gamut from realism to comic absurdity in a matter of minutes.



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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While a character who is strong-minded, she is never presented in a negative light, her actions never coming from a place of malevolence, rather the same place that we've all been to when we were young, when the decisions of the heart never quite catch up to the decisions of the head.

It's a film that doesn't shy away from issues but presents them with a pleasing lack of melodrama, the events of a teenage life (friends coming and going, relationships) delivered with a caustic honesty that is infused with a sense of humour that comes across in the performances, and has all the hallmarks of the Gerwig we've seen both on screen and on the page in the likes of *Mistress America* and *Frances Ha*.

It's a low-key but incredible debut for Gerwig, the film carrying her sense of identity and world view with a clarity that is rarely seen from first-time directors, and her Oscar nod for best director is a just one.

Craig Gillespie hasn't received an Oscar nomination for directing *I, Tonya*, but the film has received plaudits elsewhere, with Margot Robbie and Alison Janney picking up nominations for best actress and best supporting actress respectively, and they are richly deserved in a darkly comic story of an American dream turned sour.

Robbie is superb as Harding, a performance that paints the character in shades of grey, neither an anti-hero nor the

Machiavellian ice queen she has been portrayed as.

Her life as recounted here is one of hardships and struggles, and her ascendancy up the ice skating ranks – a sport hardly known for their love of the rough and the rugged – bristles with those in charge, putting her on the back foot from the start.

It says much for Robbie's turn that Alison Janney only just fails in stealing the entire film as the chain-smoking, parrot-wielding Lavona, a hurricane of hatred and pithy putdowns that sees the actress on top form; while Sebastian Stan, as Harding's husband Jeff, goes from being a saviour to being an even bigger nightmare for Tonya as their relationship breaks down into physical violence, gunshots and, eventually, an act of misguided love that sees all the major players damned.

Gillespie's use of talking heads peppered throughout the film gives us clues that what we're seeing may not necessarily be the truth, and it's the film's less-than-slavish devotion to the real events that makes it an intriguing and compelling biopic.

VERDICT – Spoiled for choice, both *Lady Bird* and *I, Tonya* are hugely entertaining and satisfying films. The former's bittersweet coming-of-age tale is humorous and realistic, a perfect showcase for Saoirse Ronan's fine lead turn and Greta Gerwig's strong directorial debut; while *I, Tonya* sees Margot Robbie and Alison Janney deliver superb turns in a darkly comic biopic that highlights an interesting character in Tonya Harding – both come highly recommended.

Valeways

guided walks
ON Thursday, March 1 at 10.30am the Living With Cancer Strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park at the information centre.

On Saturday, March 3 at 2pm a Coed y Bwl/spring walk from the Fox & Hounds in St Brides Major. Meet in the car park/maes parcio.

On Sunday, March 4 visit the daffodils at Castle-upon-Alun, meeting in the car park (next to shop) in St Brides Major at 2.30pm.

On Tuesday, March 6 Crwydro Ynys Y Barri, meet at the Coffee Cove Cafe, Ynys Y Barri at 10am.

On Wednesday, March 7 The Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet at 10.30am at the Bridge Cage car park, Cold Knap in Barry.

The Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden fountain.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, March 1 Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Cotswood artist Rupert Aker (www.rupertaker.com) who will give a demonstration on the use of the palette knife in oil painting.

Rupert has a reputation as an excellent demonstrator so we look forward to an interesting evening. On Thursday, March 8 we will have a demonstration on 'Manipulating Texture' by Theo Crutchley-Mack, (www.crutchley-mack.com).

Theo appeared in TV's *Landscape Artist of the Year* and has recently returned from an artist's residency in South Georgia.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and

occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the programme and activities go to Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgearts.

Spring fair in Penllyn
PENLLYN Church are holding a Spring Fair in Penllyn village hall on Saturday, March 3 from 10am to 1pm.

Stalls include refreshments, plants, cakes, tombola, preserves and others. Children's play and craft corner. All proceeds towards Community Room and church maintenance, everyone very welcome!

Council surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will hold a surgery on Saturday, March 3 at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major from 9.30am-11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Enfys craft fair

THE next fair takes place on March 3 from 10am until 4pm at St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

Coming up in March is Mother's Day (Mothering Sunday) and Enfys craft fair is the place to buy those gifts and cards for special and treasured mothers. Jewellery, bags, cushions, hearts and other gifts, paintings and that personalised card especially for your Mum.

Come along and taste Anne's delicious and reasonably priced meals in her kitchen's warm and friendly atmosphere. March's charity raffle will be for TAVS Centre in Roath; meals are provided here twice weekly for 45 people and TAVS Bakery is raising £2,500 to buy a special bread oven. Why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls.

The next craft fair will be held on Saturday, April 7. For more information about the fair call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Litter pick

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will be litterpicking this Sunday morning, March 4 at 10am for one hour or so.

This is part of the Keep Britain Tidy Springclean event. Please meet behind the town hall and wrap up warmly.

TaxHelp for Older People

TOP's income tax surgery, offering free professional advice on income tax problems to older people on a restricted income, will take place at Roz Couzens' chiropody surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (CF61 1RB) on Monday, March 5 from 10am-12pm.

No appointment necessary. For home visits call 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

International Women's Day walk

JOIN the Soroptimists International of Bridgend and District for a walk along the Wales Coast Path on Saturday, March 10.

Starting at Coney Beach, Porthcawl at 10am the route proceeds to Rest Bay, ending at the Atlantic Hotel – approximately 4.5km – just in time for coffee! Wear a dash of white, green or purple – Suffragist colours, to mark the centenary of female suffrage.

For more information contact Helen Murdoch on 01656 773645 or helen@helenmurdochmarketing.com.

Table top sale

ON behalf of the Elis Rose Legacy fund a table top sale will be held in the Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday, March 10 from 10am – 12pm. Refreshments available.

£10 for a table, call Sarah Ellis on 07880 044442 or call into Morgan's Hair Salon, Cowbridge Eastgate.

Welsh folk dancing

ON Saturday, March 10 at 7pm Dawnsyr Penybont (Welsh folk dancers) and Cobblers Awl (clog dancers) will perform at Wesley Church Centre, Tondur.

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No appointment is needed; just come along and talk to an adviser from Cardiff and Vale Credit Union. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Diet and nutrition advice

IF you are over 50 and looking for advice on healthy eating, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic information session on Tuesday, March 13 from 10am to 12pm.

You will be able to chat to a healthcare professional from Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust (Dietetics in the Older Person) for advice and information.

No appointment is needed; just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

A party for Y Bont

A FUNDRAISING event to raise money for a garden, which will be specially adapted to the disabled children's specific needs at Y Bont, is to be held on Saturday, March 24 at Vale Cricket Club, Corntown. The party starts at 3pm and goes on until 7pm.

The cost is £16.50 per person; due to limited availability tickets must be bought in advance at www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/FFMHJD.

Come and join the fun! There will be live music by Welsh Factor finalist Drew Ludlow, also Lisa Kwei (www.facebook.com/lisa.kweimusic) plus other local artists.

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PODS' Last Man Standing on March 3

PENARTH Operatic & Dramatic Society is presenting *Last Man Standing*, which is on at the Paget Rooms until Saturday, March 3.

"The drama," said a spokesperson, "pays tribute to the men who fought, and those that gave their lives for our country."

The play sees Edmund, the squire's son, and Tom, a worker on the squire's estate, leave behind the same village girl they both love to go to war, and in the hell-hole of the trenches their rivalry grows into obsessional hatred.

Tickets for *Last Man Standing* can be bought online at pods-penarth.org, and from Griffin Books on Windsor Road.

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THE Land Rover, in her many incarnations, has been used by HM The Queen, Churchill, Bond, Lara Croft, Steve McQueen, Ben Fogle, British Armed Forces, farmers and many more – there is even a snap of Marilyn Monroe in one – since her launch in 1948.

To mark 70th anniversary of launch of the Land Rover Club (SWLRC) recently approached the committee of the Royal

Welsh Agricultural Society (RWAS) with a view to organising the first Welsh Festival of Land Rovers display event at its Spring Festival this year.

The committee agreed it was a good idea and asked SWLRC to co-ordinate the event.

The themes for the event will be "The Heritage of the Marque, Reputable Green Lining and Overlanding".

A spokesperson for SWLRC said: "We are seeking expressions of interest from clubs that are based in Wales – or national clubs with members based in Wales – that may wish to attend."

"We are especially

interested in vehicles that portray the heritage of the marque, both past and present, but we are also interested in vehicles modified to a high standard. Some initial interest has been obtained from a number of clubs and we are now working on finalising some details.

"We have also been tasked with arranging a 30-minute arena display. Our current thoughts around this are a selection of vehicles covering Land Rover's long and varied history with an MC having a discussion with the owners as they pass through."

The spokesperson added that there will

also be some new vehicles on show from local Land Rover dealers showing how the marque has developed.

"If the event is a success, there is all likelihood that this will become a periodic and we will be invited back in future years and there is even discussion around us putting on a similar event in a future year for the main

summer show which runs over five days and averages some 240,000 visitors."

Land Rover owners or clubs who would like to be involved should contact Marc Andrews at marc@swlrc.co.uk.

The spokesperson said: "If you don't have a Land Rover, we would still like to see you at the event. Please stop by and say hello."

Top tips for driving safely in freezing weather

AS arctic weather sweeps across Britain, bringing sub-zero temperatures, breakdown provider Green Flag has predicted over 110,000 breakdowns will take place on our roads this week.

The Met Office has issued an alert to be prepared for the difficult weather conditions, and forecasters warn we will have to endure heavy rain and snowfall.

With the conditions expected to cause havoc

on British roads, Simon Henrick, of Green Flag, commented: "The return of the cold weather and difficult road conditions may take some drivers by surprise this week."

"Although we're heading towards spring, the cold weather isn't gone yet – so it's important that drivers do all they can to stay safe."

"By thoroughly checking their cars before they leave home, and approaching the roads with caution, drivers will decrease the risk of encountering a problem on the roads this week."

Green Flag's common-sense tips on driving in cold weather are:

Always check your speed – even if the roads have been gripped they're likely to be slippery.

Give more warning than usual to other drivers – when turning, stopping or changing lane.

Keep plenty of distance between cars. You never know when you'll hit an icy patch. If you pass through the same tracks as the car in front of you within three seconds, you're following too closely.

Check whether your car has ABS anti-lock brakes. In the unlikely event that it doesn't, pump the brake pedal slowly to prevent the wheels locking up and skidding.

Be extra-wary of black ice. It's an invisible danger that can catch out even the most careful driver.

Approach corners at a steady speed, in as low a gear as possible. Don't touch the clutch unless it's absolutely necessary, steer smoothly and avoid braking on bends.

Make sure all passengers are wearing seat belts. Ensure you're familiar with your car's ventilation system to prevent windows from steaming up. Air conditioning will keep windows free from mist and condensation.

GRIFFIN BOOKS PRESENTS...

THERE are still a few tickets left for Griffin Books' evening with TV fisherman Will Millard on Friday, March 2 at Waterloo Tea, Penarth.

From 7.30pm he'll be discussing his new book, 'The Old Man and the Sand Eel', with local writer and actor Dick Johns. Tickets are £10, including refreshments and a discount on book purchases, and can be bought on Ticketsource or from the shop.

Griffin Books has recently announced two more exciting events, 'Dementia Connections' with Jane Mullins and Liz Webb-Hooper, a talk about reconnecting with those living with dementia; and 'Crime and Cream Tea' with Julia Chapman, author of the charming series 'The Dales Detective'.

More details at www.griffinbooks.co.uk.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00155/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: The proposals comprise 4 no. five bedroom dwellings and 2 no. two bedroom affordable dwellings with associated parking and turning area and external amenity space. The proposals also include for revised vehicular access to Sycamore Farm and a detached garage.
Location/Lleoliad: Sycamore Farm, A48, Bonvilston

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Bonvilston

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00187/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed two storey extension to side elevation to replace existing dilapidated structure
Location/Lleoliad: 21, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Dinas Powys

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00072/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: External and internal alterations
Location/Lleoliad: The Tower, Tower Hill, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting Nos. 1-5, Tower Hill Avenue, Penarth, Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00133/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: The demolition of two no. three bed bungalows and single storey garages (1 and 10 Parc Wood) which serves the house parents, site clearance to both sites. The development of two new student dormitory blocks at a two storey height, each accommodating 12 no. four bed dormitory units, communal shared spaces and two no. three bed house parent apartments. Proposed external landscaping to both buildings to be minimal and to complement the natural surroundings of both sites
Location/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting Top (East) Lodge to St. Donats Castle including attached garden wall, Grade II

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Location/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00153/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission ref. 2014/01300/FUL to remove previously approved balconies
Location/Lleoliad: Barry Dock Conservative Club, 17 Station Street, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

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News from Pen y Fai WI

THE February meeting was opened by president Angela Smith, who proceeded to introduce the speaker for the evening.

Rhian Morgan works for the Wales Gene Park in Cardiff and spoke on the fascinating subject of DNA, with particular emphasis on its relevance in solving crime.

The members were given examples of many famous cold cases in which DNA has been used to uncover the perpetrators, as well as cases where DNA has been used to overturn existing convictions.

A vote of thanks was given by Val Trimlett.

The usual notices were given and a special mention was given to the husbands of members Ann Shillibier and Devere Richards for removing turf on the village green in preparation for the planting of the WI floral tribute, which will mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

Some members are also busy knitting and crocheting poppies to be used in the celebrations. Reminders were given for the trips to Bletchley Park and London later in the year, as well as the theatre trip to see *Sunset Boulevard* in Cardiff later this month.

The next meeting will be on March 19 when the speaker will be Linda Jenkins on 'Local Interest Photography'.



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BOOK REVIEW

Voices of Cardiff

READERS young and old will be fascinated by 'Voices of Cardiff' compiled by GEM columnist Brian Lee.

Through the reminiscences of local people, accompanied by approximately 100 photographs, this book remembers the Cardiff of yesteryear and paints a revealing period of immense change in the capital city of Wales over the past century.

In their own words, Cardiffians, many no longer with us, tell about the way they lived, their lives and the conditions in which they lived during the past century.

There are chapters on family and home, childhood and school days, clothes and fashion, sport, leisure and entertainment, working life and wartime.

The author, who has been keeping GEM readers in touch of what has been happening on the Welsh horse racing and point-to-point for many years, reveals how he was just 16 when he attended his first point-to-point: "It was held on April 5, 1952 and I still have the racecard. The Pentrch Hunt Steeplechases proved something of a revelation and I soon became an ardent fan, travelling by bus to other local point-to-points.

"I would follow my hero, Bill Jones, and favourite horses *Sylvester 11, Cardiff Princess, Spurn Head*

and *Sally On*, but little did I think then that, 14 years later, I would be reporting on the sport for such esteemed publications as *The Sporting Life, Horse & Hound* and *Racing Post*."

Brian also recalls the speedway that once took place in Cardiff and writes: "In the early 1950s, I was a regular Cardiff Dragons speedway fan. The Penarth Road stadium was said to be one of the best speedway tracks in the country.

"I can remember in 1952 the Cardiff Dragons team beating Plymouth by 47-37 points. The roar of the motorbikes, the smell of the fuel and the clouds of shale dust thrown up as the riders rounded a bend all made it very exciting to a young lad of 15 or 16."

As for Brian's earliest memory, he writes: "My earliest memory is of the Second World War and my mother wrapping me up in a blanket and carrying me downstairs to the Anderson air raid shelter at the bottom of our garden in Thesiger Street."

Cinemas, pubs, parks and shops long gone are all recalled in this unique book, thought to be the only collection of general reminiscences of Cardiffians since Volume V of John Hobson Matthews' *Record of the County Borough of Cardiff* published between 1898-1905.

Voices of Cardiff by Brian Lee is published by The History Press at £12.99 and is available from all good book shops.

Pirates in Penarth!

THE Concept Players return after the success of *The Importance Of Being Earnest And Shout!* with a ship load of dodgy pirates and a bevy of beauties as they bring a classic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *Pirates of Penance*, to theatres.

Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera is packed with sentimental pirates, blundering policemen, absurd adventures and improbable paradoxes.

Concept Players have just been nominated for seven awards for their 2017 productions of *Evita*, *The Importance of Being Earnest and Shout!* by the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) who said of their last performance: "This company is professional to its fingertips, no wonder they have this following in south Wales."

The director, Paul

Buckle, said: "It is over 20 years since we last put on this show and we think the music and humour is as accessible as it ever was. Everyone knows the songs 'I Am A Modern Major General' and 'Poor Wandering One' – add in the fantastic humour and you are guaranteed a great night, so come and along and see for yourself!"

The Pirates Of Penance opens at the Borough Theatre, Abergavenny on Thursday, March 10 until Saturday, March 12. Box Office: 01873 850805.

The Players then travel to Penarth to the Paget Rooms on Thursday, March 15 and the performance runs to Saturday, March 17, box office 02920 708037.

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PENCOED PHOENIX HAVE TOUGH BATTLE AGAINST HAVERFORDWEST



Amie Stevens looks to get the ball out.

A longer bus journey than expected gave Pencoed Phoenix only a 20-minute warm-up before playing against Haverfordwest.

It was not to be Phoenix's day as Haverfordwest had something to prove and were out of the blocks quicker.

Phoenix only travelled with a bare squad and rolling positions were the answer of the day to help with the depleted numbers; even team manager Michele Halse was kitted up and ready to go back on pitch after retiring a season ago.

It was a case of your score then mine in the first half before Haverfordwest took the game away from Phoenix.

The Phoenix scrum still dominated, but with a few missed tackles Phoenix were getting beaten from the backs and the speed of Haverfordwest.

When Phoenix made their breaks from Lauren Atkins, Natalie O'Shea, Katie Murphy and Megan Griffiths, they showed their talent and pace and scored from it.

However, they couldn't keep the momentum going and let Haverfordwest have the better of them. Phoenix were then hit by an injury to front row Rose Lubin, a speedy recovery to her.

Tries came from the Phoenix captain, back from injury, Aime Stevens, two from Natalie O'Shea and a



Megan Griffiths makes a break. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK



Lauren Atkins takes on the Haverfordwest defence.

conversion and penalty from Leanne Burnell, who was voted lady of match for Phoenix.

Phoenix are now second in the table with games away to Abergele on March 4, Nelson at home on March 18, and then Nelson away on March 29 to end the season, before beach rugby and the tour.

All are welcome to join this fun team, contact manager Michele Halse on 07709 073912. **JH**



Leanne Burnell shows her pace.



Natalie O'Shea on the run.

Bridgend Bridge Club news

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, February 21: First, Norma and David Newman; second, Glyn Williams and Geoff Barnes; third, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne.

The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

On Thursday, February 22: First, Gareth Jenkins and Dilys Bowser; equal second, Richard and Maggie Ashpole, and Sally Bryant and Paul Lyne.

The winners on handicap were Peter and Hilary Rowley.

On Friday, February 23: First, Simon and Debbie Richards; second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; third, Emer Disley and Tony Haworth.

The winners on handicap were Simon and Debbie Richards.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall.

Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a

prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne - please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session run by Steve starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics - this week the topic is bidding with a strong hand after a INT opening.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact one of Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138. **GJ**

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, February 20 a full programme of league matches was completed.

It was a great evening for the Red Lion Inn who won their first match of the season beating the Farmers Arms 5-4.

This was one of a number of close games. The Edmondson A defeated the Victoria Inn, Edmondson B beating the Six Bells Inn and the Edmondson C beating the Hairy Farmers, all by the 5-4 scoreline.

Llanharry closed the gap at the top of the table by beating the One Town Hall Square 6-3. Lee Davies (Llanharry), Andy Bryan (Six Bells Inn) and Rob McCaver (Hairy Farmers) all hit 180s.

Other notable performances were Jake Warren (Victoria Inn) 104 out in a nine dart game, Oliver Ladbroke-Davies (One Town Hall Square) 133 out and Paul Tasker (Hairy Farmers) 78 out. **PJT**

standings, after 14 weeks, are: Edmondson B (89 points), Llanharry (87), Six Bells Inn (74), Highwayman Inn (72), Hairy Farmers (69), Edmondson C (65), Edmondson A (61), Victoria Inn (59), Farmers Arms (49), One Town Hall Square (29) and Red Lion Inn (15).

Next week, Tuesday, March 6, a full programme of league matches is scheduled.

The Edmondson A hosts the Farmers Arms, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondson B, the Edmondson C hosts Llanharry, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Victoria Inn and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Red Lion Inn. The Hairy Farmers have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul Tasker at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

Cowbridge RFC prepare for Canton test

HOW do you top the excitement and drama of last weekend's Six Nations matches?

Well, Cowbridge are playing Canton at the Athletic Ground this Saturday (weather permitting) and will be looking to emulate the six-try victory against Old Penarthians a fortnight ago, consolidating third place in the league.

Canton currently lie seventh and although Cowbridge won the comfortably 0-28 at Canton, this will be a tough fixture.

The visitors have had two impressive victories recently over Wattstown and Caerau Ely, but

Cowbridge were looking in fine form at Old Pens so the game should be a cracker.

As always, all support is appreciated - it was great to see so many supporters at Penarth which gave a boys a real boost.

As Wales are playing Italy on Sunday, March 11 (still places available on the club bus) we are playing the present second-placed Treherbert on March 10.

Finally, the under-12s are playing Builth Wells this Sunday in the quarter-final of the Blues Cup on the main pitch, kick-off 12 noon.

It would be great to see a big crowd there to cheer on the lads. **RV/RK**

League action awaits Barry RFC

IT'S back to league action this weekend when Barry RFC entertain Cambrian Welfare with the sides laying joint third in the table and Barry looking for revenge after losing the away fixture earlier in the season.

The second team are also at home to St Peters, looking to build on their superb result at Rumney two weeks ago, both games kicking off at 2.30pm

The BBC will be at the ground on Saturday to film an item on the referee of the first XV game who has been the man in the middle for 23 years this year. This is planned to be included on the Six Nations Show with Gabby Logan and Gareth Thomas on Friday, March 9.

The club lottery numbers were 05, 08, 18 and 24 last week with no winners, while two ticket holders matched three numbers to win £10. This week's jackpot will be £1050. **AJ**

Sports under-12s in epic encounter

THIS game between Bridgend Sports RFC under-12s and Pencoed RFC under-12s turned out to be a scrappy affair but one that went down to the wire with a conversion proving the difference between the two sides, deep into the second half.

Unfortunately, the structure of the game was disrupted as Pencoed declined the offer to share players as they opted to play with 14, which became 13 players a short way into the first half. The confusion, combined with a bitter easterly chill, served to disrupt the flow of the game.

The disruption and lack of forwards on the pitch also robbed the players of any opportunity to develop a pattern to the game.

In fairness, both sides tried to move and run with the ball, but the cold conditions conspired against the intent and ambition.

Consequently, Pencoed resorted to testing the Sports with long-range kicks, only for Sports fullback Callum Jones to field and counter attack with pace and guile.

It was one such counter-attack that eventually produced the opening score of the game, the full back taking the Sports into the Pencoed 22, where quick ruck ball gave the backs time to run.

Callum Lewis threw a great pass to take out the opposition centres, and wing Tom Chick looked to have made it to the line, only to be held up.

Another quick ruck saw outside half Cian John gather the loose ball then intelligently kick ahead and win the race for the touchdown for the home side to lead 5-0.

That looked like being the half-time score, until Pencoed hit back with a try. The score came from yet another kick ahead, the Sports fielded it well but were caught in possession then lost the ruck. This time, Pencoed attacked from close range and scored the try to level the game at 5-5.

Early in the second half, another Callum Jones break took play up into the Pencoed half. From the ruck, forward Megan Lewis made a determined burst up to the 22, only to see the ball eventually go to ground to relieve the pressure on the away team.

The Sports tried hard to run but just couldn't

make their pressure count. Both Tom Coles and Mackenzie Dent worked hard to try and break through, as did Will Ellis and Dylan Morgan in defence whenever Pencoed tried to move the ball.

The Sports almost paid dearly for not making pressure count as Pencoed worked their way upfield deep into the Sports' 22, then found players in space to run in the try to take the lead at 10-5.

The score stunned the Sports into action and it proved to be the catalyst for them to produce their best rugby of the game, at last the passes began to stick.

They mounted an attack down the narrow side with Hari Williams, Cian John and Tom Chick combining.

The ball was then worked back across field, centre Iestyn John stepped his opposite number, saw the line and defied the odds, against his size, to power over and ground the ball for the try in the final minute.

The conversion was likely to determine the outcome of the game and this was slotted over by Ieuan Pilliner.

The Sports faced one more kick-off and with their tails up attacked again down the right had touchline. With seconds remaining, wing Tom Chick sensibly took the ball out of play to secure the home side's win.

Once again, the Sports ensured all 19 match-day squad members took to the field as they regularly changed players throughout the game.

The Sports are determined to ensure all players are given the opportunity to develop in a great squad environment.

New players are always welcome to join at any time. Please contact us via the club website, bridgensportsclub.rfc.wales, or via our Twitter account, @SportsMiniRugby, for further information.

Squad: Abi Davies Jones; Callum Jones; Callum Lewis; Chloe Gant; Cian John; Dylan Morgan; Dylan Parry; Efan Dyer; Hari Williams; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Jodie Keane; Mackenzie Dent; Megan Lewis; Theo Clarke; Thomas Chick; Thomas Coles; Tyler Burton; Will Ellis. **SP**

Turf Talk with Brian Lee

PETERSON-Super-Ely's Phil Dando had plenty to smile about at Warwick last Friday when his nine-year-old home-bred *Sahara Haze* won the Conditional and Amateurs Riders Handicap Hurdle over three miles and two furlongs.

A 10-1 chance, *Sahara Haze* won by six lengths from *Phangio* and was a first winner under Rules for west Wales' Ben Jones, son of the almost legendary Dai Jones from west Wales who rode more than 200 winners between the flags.

EVAN'S CHEPSTOW WIN

AT Racecourse on Saturday, Llancafnan's Evan Williams saw his 12-year-old *Tornado In Milan* land the inaugural Roger Lewis Memorial Trophy Handicap Chase over two miles and worth £14,242 to the winner.

Bottom-weighted *Tornado In Milan*, an 11-2 shot, came home five lengths ahead of *Overtown Express* and was well ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge who had his mount in a handy position throughout.

This win will have

pleased Williams as he knew Roger Lewis and his family, and, like Roger, was a former leading amateur rider.

BRECON RACES
THE Brecon & Talybont Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases takes place at Ty Fry, Llanfrynach on Saturday.

Racing gets under way at 1pm and the men's open race is a qualifier for the Timico Mixed Open Final at Cheltenham on May 4.

Six races are planned with the final race the Open Maiden at 3.30pm.

TIM'S SOUTHWELL WINNER

NORMANDY King, trained in the Vale by Tim Vaughan and partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, won the Grand National Novices' Handicap Chase over two miles and four furlongs at Southwell on Sunday.

In a field of nine runners, seven-year-old *Normandy King* won by three and a quarter lengths from *Champion Chase* ridden by James Best and was returned at odds of 11-2.

*You can e-mail your news and views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him at 02920736438.

News from the Barry Chess Club

LAST weekend, three members of the Barry Chess Club travelled to Fishguard to play in the Dyfed Congress.

Sam Jukes took part in the open section and being a glutton for punishment, also played in the Saturday evening Blitz tournament. Sam White and Peter Watkins played in the major section.

Sam Jukes was ranked 27th out of the 47 competitors in the open section. Being just below halfway in the rankings ensured Sam would get a tough game in round one.

He played FM Sven Zeidler who has a rating of 2,165, approximately 350 ratings points higher.

You would have thought this would be an easy victory for Sven, but it was not to be as Sam produced an outstanding performance to earn a draw.

Unfortunately, Sam could not reproduce this performance and ended the five rounds with two points to finish in 30th place.

However, on Saturday, in the Blitz, Sam was ranked ninth out of the 27 competitors. He picked up five wins, including one against AGM Rudy Van Kemenade.

Sam lost to the top two players – GM Matthew Turner and Tom Brown – to finish in third place. His final match was against Matthew, and if Sam had managed a win he would have been champion, but Matthew was too strong and ended on 100 per cent.

In the major, Sam White was ranked sixth and Peter Watkins 10th out of the 20 competitors. Peter started well, winning his first three games.

In round four, he lost the match to eventual winner Paul Scott. Had Peter managed to win his final match, he

would have been champion on a tie break, but the strain of playing five matches in just over two days proved too tiring and Peter drew his final game to finish third on 3.5 points, only a half point behind Paul.

Sam White had a good tournament, equalling his ranking to finish in sixth place. Sam returned home with two wins and two draws, his only defeat against Les Philpin who eventually finished second.

In more mundane matters, the Camelots and Gambits were in league action as well. Ken Hannah and John Ryles earned draws for the Camelots who lost 4-1 to the Pontypridd Phoenix, who are challenging near the top of the division.

This result may not have seemed enough until it became clear that our relegation challengers, the Cardiff Crowns, only picked up half a point.

The Gambits lost to Rhondda A, who proudly sit at the top of Division 4. Sam White, fresh from his travels to Fishguard, saved our blushes by earning a draw.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was dubbed Super Saturday and it lived up to it with permutations at the top of the Premier Division, a shock defeat and a 12 goal thriller in Division One and an almost certain promotion achieved in Division Two – and it's only February.

The top four collided in the Premier Division as league leaders St Athan played out a 0-0 stalemate away to second place Rhosneig, while FC Barry Belgrade closed the gap to three points as they performed a smash and grab on the Island, defeating Barry Athletic 1-0.

Belgrade still have five games in hand over the leaders. Elsewhere in the division, Island Marine bounced back from last week's heavy defeat to thump bottom side Penarth Town 5-1.

In Division One the big story of the day came as table-toppers Sully Sports tasted league defeat for the first time this season with a 3-1 loss to the impressive in-form Barry Saints, who go third and must be front runners for promotion to the Premier Division.

Barry Saints are 10 points off top spot but have three games in hand and will be gunning for the title.

Cardiff Airport closed the gap on Sully to four points as they won a 12 goal thriller 7-5 against Cadroxton Imps.

SP Billy dropped to fourth after a 0-0 blank with Cwm Talwg. The point brings a five game losing streak for SP to an end.

Tynwydd got their first league win in six, as they drew level on points with Cogan following a 2-1 triumph over them.

Bottom side Penarth Town B closed the gap on Imps as they edged out Cadroxton Athletic with a very good 4-3 victory.

In Division Two, Josh Morgan fired a hat trick as Llantwit Major

romped to a massive 12-0 win over Barry Albion. To Albion's credit they played the game with eight players, a huge task with 11 players let alone eight, against the league leaders that haven't dropped a point yet.

Nonetheless Llantwit went about their business clinically and the victory all but assures promotion to Division One in their first season back in the Vale League.

Cadoxton Barry dropped to third after being held 3-3 by Vale Madrigal as BRT Dynamos moved second after a 2-1 win over Island Marine B, making it four straight league wins for Dynamos.

St Athan B picked up their first win in four as Paul Lucas struck twice in a 5-1 victory over 10-man BV.

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HARRIES

Betty (née Wooles)

It is with great sadness we announce that Betty Harries, nee Wooles, passed away after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 23rd February, aged of 97 years. Betty lately of Baltimore Care Home, Barry was born in St. Mary's Avenue, Barry in 1920, where she grew up with parents Albert and Ellen. Betty is predeceased by husband Ray, who died in 1990, son Richard and sisters Joan, Barbara and Sylvia. Betty will be sadly missed by all who knew her particularly her loving sons Derek, John and Bryan daughters-in-law Patti, Sally, Cynthia and Katherine; grandchildren Sarah, Dylan, Sian, Claire, Laura, Sophie, Josie and Anna; and her nine great-grandchildren.

Grateful thanks to Baltimore Care Home staff for their care and kindness to Betty during the last two years.

Her funeral will take place at Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 6th March at 4pm. Floral tributes are welcome and may be sent to Park Funerals, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry.

JONES

Rebecca

Suddenly on 8th February in hospital, Rebecca, aged 36 years, of Barry. Devoted mother of Jacob and Imogen, cherished daughter of Ceri and Connie and loving sister of Rosie. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Monday, 5th March, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm, where friends please meet.

Family flowers only.

Enquiries to W.H. Preene & Son, 54 Main Street, Barry CF63 2HN. Tel 01446 420520.

PERCIVAL

Margaret

(of The Broadshoard, Cowbridge)

Passed away peacefully, aged 84 years, on Friday, 16th February in the Princess of Wales Hospital, in the presence of her family. Beloved wife to Terry, mother to Steve, Sue and Tim. Grandmother to David, Stephanie, Ryan, Rhys, Katy and Amy and great grandmother to Tayla, Tristan, Chayse, Ethan, David, Rowan and Arianna.

Resting at Thomas Bros Funeral Home, Cowbridge until the service to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 9th March at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

TIERNEY

Peter

Peacefully on 21st February at Llandough Hospital, Peter, well known of Barry, a retired marine engineer and lifelong member of Sea View Labour Club. A beloved husband to the late Joan, much loved dad of Mark, Craig, Suzanne and Sean. A cherished Grampy Peter to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren, loving brother to Nora and Pat.

Peter will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 9th March at 4pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Peter's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages.

All donations to support RNIB or Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Peter.

HOAD

Peter Edwards

Peacefully on 15th February at the UHW Cardiff, Peter, beloved husband of Diane, loving dad (popsie) to Bridget, Bethan and Katy. Loved father-in-law to Andrew and John, dearly loved granddad Peter to all his grandchildren and great granddaughter. Dear brother-in-law and uncle.

Peter will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and neighbours.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 9th March at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for RNLI Barry branch or Velindre may be handed to the funeral director.

GRIFFIN

Anne

Suddenly at home on 19th February, Anne, beloved wife to Derek, much loved mum of Pamela and the late Mark. An adored nan of Jessica and great grandma of Lucia.

Anne will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at St Tathan Church, St Athan on Monday, 12th March at 11.45am, followed by a private family committal service.

Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be sent to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth in memory of Anne

WILLIAMS

Elizabeth

Peacefully on 21st February at UHW, aged 87 years, Betty, of Laurel Court, Barry. Devoted wife of Keith, dearly loved mother of Ross and daughter-in-law Jayne. A loving grandmother and Great Nanna Betty of her great-grandchildren.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 9th March, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 10am, where friends please meet. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, for Cancer Research Wales c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

WELLS

Becky

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Becky on 18th February. Aged 37 years, Becky was well known for her time as a photographer and teacher at St Cyres School, Penarth. A devoted partner to Lyndsey, cherished daughter of Phillip and Barbara, loving sister to Leigh.

Becky is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 9th March at 1pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support St Cyres School Pupil Support Fund in memory of Becky

BOWEN-JONES

Brenda Joscelyne Rowland (née Payne)

Peacefully, at Brocastle Manor on 22nd February, aged 97 years. Much loved wife of Elwyn, mother of David and Susan and nana to Louis, Jonathan and Eleanor.

Funeral at Llanblethian Church on Wednesday, 7th March at 12 noon.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brocastle for their kindness and support during Brenda's seven years in their care

LEWIS

Helen Winifred

(Latterly of Brynna and formerly of Cowbridge)

Sadly passed away unexpectedly on 20th February 2018. Beloved mother of James and Penny, loving sister to Jen, Cherished granny to Alys, David and Megan. Much loved aunty to Soondri and great aunty to Jodie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Following a private burial, a celebration of Helen's life will take place on Saturday, 3rd March 2018 at 1pm at Bonvilston Reading Room, Bonvilston, Cowbridge, CF5 6TR. Smart casual dress code. No flowers by request, but donations to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, would be welcomed online at www.helen-lewis.muchloved.com or via the funeral director.

All enquiries to Parkman Funeral Home, 2 Waunrhydd Road, Tonyrefail, CF39 8EN. Tel 01443 552101.

WINDLE

David

Peacefully on 19th February 2018, after a short illness, at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, David, aged 67 years. Beloved husband of Lindsey, much loved dad of James and daughter-in-law Jo. Adored grand of Jordan, Jenna and little Molly.

David will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the chapel of rest on Wednesday, 7th March at 10am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. No flowers by request, though donations in David's memory would be gratefully appreciated for either Macmillan or Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

VALLANCE

Karen

Peacefully on 18th February at the University Hospital Of Wales, Cardiff, Karen, beloved partner to Terry and much loved mum of Christopher and Nicola

Karen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Karen is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 8th March at 5pm. Floral Tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

MacNEISH

Jean

Died peacefully on 6th February 2018 in Drakes Nursing Home, Plymouth, aged 86 years.

Wife of David (deceased), mother of Angela Racheal (deceased) and Elizabeth (deceased). Grandmother of Holly and Emily.

BARRON

John Patrick

Sadly and peacefully at the U.H.W on 17th February. Adored dad, bumps, brother and uncle.

Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Monday, 5th March at 11.15am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Vale Funeral Service. The family request black attire to be worn.

HUISH

Steve

Peacefully on 23rd February, Steve, much loved husband of the late Pauline. Loving father of Andrea, father-in-law of Stephen and grandfather to Lloyd

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian on Wednesday, 14th March at 12 noon, followed by interment. Family flowers only. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend.

JONES

Thelma

Helen, Andrew and Wynne would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind thoughts during mum's short illness. She passed away peacefully at Holme Tower Hospice in Penarth on 15th February. Special thanks to all the nursing staff and carers.

Thelma will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Cremation at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium on Thursday, 8th March at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie.

In Memory

EVANS

Gaynor Mary (née Stevens)

3 March

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GULWELL

Graham

4th March 2016

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TINTO

Rose

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Thanks to the staff at the Heath, Llandough and Velindre Hospitals for the care they gave Alice during her illness. Donations to Cancer Research and the Down's Syndrome Association were much appreciated. Reverend Lake delivered a moving service and Phil James of Fonmon, and his staff, deserve further thanks.

Also a thank you to the steward of the Sea View Labour Club for the use of the lounge bar, and to the staff who were more than helpful.

BIRNER

Angela Elizabeth (née Rebane)

Alf, Luschie, Abi and the family wish to thank everyone for the cards, donations and the kind heartfelt messages following the sudden loss of Angela, an amazing wife and phenomenal mother. We would also like to thank those who attended the funeral to celebrate Angela's life. It was extremely touching to see Angela's friends from throughout her life and to see how much you thought of her.

A special thanks to the nurses at Llandough Hospital for their kindness at such a difficult time and to Angela's friends at Barry Leisure Centre for raising money for Cancer Research Wales with hearts, roses and love.

In addition, we are so grateful to Father Kevin Lake and Rebecca and her team at A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their care, consideration and dedication to ensure the service was a true celebration of Angela's life.

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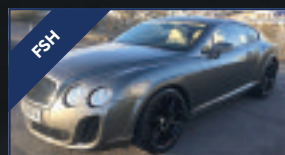
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15 15 MERCEDES A180 CDI Sport 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, 33k, white, half leather
£13995



15 65 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli pack, Bluetooth, 25k, choice
£9495



15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, full leather, 25k, choice
£16995



13 63 BMW 320 D M Sport 4dr, sat nav, 19" alloys, heated seats, privacy glass, estoril blue, full leather
£13995



14 14 MERCEDES E220 CDI AMG Sport 4dr 7G-Tronic, sat nav, heated seats, 29k, choice, half leather/suede
£15995



16 66 MERCEDES GLA220d AMG Line (Premium Plus) 7G-DCT 4MATIC, Mercedes warranty Oct 2019, pan roof, sat nav, 9k, grey, full leather
£25995

15 64 AUDI A1 1.4 TSI S-Line 5dr, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, 15k, blue, half leather.....**£13995**

14 64 AUDI A3 1.2 T FSI Sport 5dr S-Tronic, Bluetooth, DAB, AMI, 23k, black.....**£13495**

16 16 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Quattro Sport 4dr, Audi warranty April 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, 13k, white.....**£16995**

14 64 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Sport 4dr, sat nav, DAB, AMI, white.....**£11995**

16 66 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI Black Edition Plus Quattro 5dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty, Oct 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 12k, misano red, full leather.....**£24495**

12 12 AUDI A6 2.0 TDI S-Line 4dr, sat nav, heated seats, cruise, ice silver, full leather.....**£12495**

15 65 AUDI TT 2.0 TDI Sport Ultra 3dr Coupe, Audi warranty Sep 2018, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, 3k, white, half leather.....**£19995**

12 12 AUDI TT 2.0 TDI Quattro Black Edition 2dr Coupe, 19" alloys, cruise, comfort pack in met grey.....**£12995**

14 64 BMW 116 EfficientDynamics Business Edition 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, met grey, full leather.....**£10495**

16 66 BMW 116 D M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, silver.....**£15495**

13 13 BMW 118 D Sport Plus 2dr convertible, 18" alloys, heated seats, carbon black with full oyster beige leather.....**£11995**

14 64 BMW 118 2.0 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, 18" alloys, m sport pack, xenons, PDC, 29k, red.....**£12495**

14 64 BMW 120 D M Sport XDRIVE 5dr (184bhp) Bluetooth, cruise, PDC, 30k, blue.....**£12995**

15 65 BMW M135 3.0 Sport 3dr (326bhp), sat nav, Harman Kardon, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, 26k, estoril blue with full leather.....**£17995**

14 14 BMW M235i 3.0 2dr automatic (326 BHP), pro nav, xenons, Harman kardon, 29k, choice, full leather.....**£20995**

16 16 BMW M235i 3.0 2dr convertible, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, PDC, silver, full leather.....**£23995**

14 64 BMW 220 D M Sport 2dr (190bhp), sat nav, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, privacy glass, M rear spoiler, 38k, met blue, full leather.....**£15995**

14 64 BMW 318 D M Sport Estate automatic, Bluetooth, 19" alloys, 19k, estoril blue, full leather.....**£17495**

14 14 BMW 320 D M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr, pro nav, Bluetooth, estoril blue, full leather.....**£15995**

15 15 BMW 320d EfficientDynamics BluePerformance Business Edition 4dr (163bhp), BMW warranty June 2018, 18" alloys, sat nav, 15k, black, full oyster leather.....**£16495**

15 15 BMW 320 DXDrive SE 4dr automatic (184bhp), sat nav, head up display, Harman Kardon, in white.....**£12995**

15 65 BMW 320 D M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, 26k, black, full leather.....**£17495**

16 16 BMW 320 D Sport Estate, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, DAB, privacy glass, 19k, white.....**£16995**

15 15 BMW 330 D M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic (313bhp), BMW warranty Sep 2018, pro nav, 19" alloys, 21k, choice, full leather.....**£18995**

15 15 BMW 330 D Luxury Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty July 2018, sat nav, 19" alloys, electric sunroof, 30k, black, full oyster leather.....**£18995**

16 66 BMW 335d M Sport XDRIVE Estate automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2016, 19" alloys, sat nav, Harman kardon, 12k, estoril blue, full leather.....**£23995**

15 15 BMW 420 IM Sport Gran Coupe 5dr, 19" alloys, widescreen sat nav, heated seats, 21k, in white with full black leather.....**£19995**

14 64 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, 19" alloys, sat nav, xenons, full leather, 18k, choice.....**£19995**

15 15 BMW 420 D Sport 2dr coupe, BMW warranty March 2018, sat nav, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, black, full leather.....**£15995**

15 65 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr automatic (190 BHP), M sport plus pack, 19" alloys, Harman Kardon, wide screen nav, full leather, 21k, choice.....**£20995**

15 65 BMW 420 DM Sport XDrive 2dr (190bhp), M sport plus pack, widescreen sat nav, 19" alloys, 17k, estoril blue.....**£21995**

16 66 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, M Sport+ pack, widescreen nav, Harman kardon, 12k, black, full beige leather.....**£23995**

14 14 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic (258bhp), sat nav, 19" alloys, 17k, choice, full leather.....**£19995**

16 66 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, 19" alloys, pro nav, 7k, grey, full leather.....**£25995**

11 11 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic, sat nav, DAB, 19" alloys, black, full leather.....**£12995**

14 64 BMW 520 D Luxury 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, PDC front & rear, heated seats, met blue, full leather.....**£12495**

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport Estate automatic (190bhp) BMW warranty Jan 2019, sat nav, DAB, black, full leather.....**£17495**

15 65 BMW 520 DSE 4dr (190) automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, bluetooth, choice, full leather.....**£16995**

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2018, 20" alloys, sat nav, 21k, full leather, choice.....**£20495**

16 66 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, heated seats, full leather, service inclusive, 17k, white.....**£21995**

16 16 BMW 535 D M Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, M Sport plus pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, electric sunroof, 18k, silver.....**£22995**

13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe automatic, 20" alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather.....**£19995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, 19" alloys, 27k, silver, full leather.....**£24995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20" alloys, sat nav, 21k, full leather, choice.....**£20495**

16 66 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, heated seats, full leather, service inclusive, 17k, white.....**£21995**

16 16 BMW 535 D M Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, M Sport plus pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, electric sunroof, 18k, silver.....**£22995**

13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe automatic, 20" alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather.....**£19995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, 19" alloys, 27k, silver, full leather.....**£24995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20" alloys, sat nav, 21k, full leather, choice.....**£20495**

16 66 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, heated seats, full leather, service inclusive, 17k, white.....**£21995**

16 16 BMW 535 D M Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, M Sport plus pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, electric sunroof, 18k, silver.....**£22995**

13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe automatic, 20" alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather.....**£19995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, 19" alloys, 27k, silver, full leather.....**£24995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20" alloys, sat nav, 21k, full leather, choice.....**£20495**

16 66 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, heated seats, full leather, service inclusive, 17k, white.....**£21995**

16 16 BMW 535 D M Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, M Sport plus pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, electric sunroof, 18k, silver.....**£22995**

13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe automatic, 20" alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather.....**£19995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, 19" alloys, 27k, silver, full leather.....**£24995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20" alloys, sat nav, 21k, full leather, choice.....**£20495**

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16 16 BMW 740 D M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic (315 BHP), BMW warranty June 2019, Premium package, 20" alloys, head-up display, electric glass sunroof, 18k, white, full leather.....**£43995**

14 63 BMW X1 XDRIVE18D X-Line 5dr, 18" alloys, heated seats, 15k, silver, full leather.....**£13995**

15 65 BMW X3 2.0 D M Sport 5dr automatic, widescreen navigation, 20" alloys, heated seats, 8k, black with full leather.....**£26995**

16 16 BMW X4 XDRIVE 30D M Sport 5dr automatic, M Sport + pack, pro nav, 20" alloys, 20k, choice, full leather.....**£27995**

16 16 BMW X4 30D X-Line XDRIVE 5dr automatic, BMW warranty May 2019, sat nav, heated seats, DAB, 26k, choice, full leather.....**£26995**

16 16 BMW X5 30D M Sport XDRIVE 5dr automatic, 20" alloys, surround view, sat nav, reverse camera, white, full leather.....**£36795**

14 14 BMW X6 30D XDRIVE 5dr automatic, sat nav, 20" alloys, dynamic pack, black, full oyster leather.....**£23995**

14 14 CITROEN DS3 1.6 VTI DSTYLE Plus 3dr, 17" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 30k, yellow.....**£6995**

17 17 CITROEN GRAND C4 PICASSO 1.6 BLUEHDI Feel 5dr (7-seater) sat nav, cruise, 8k, met blue.....**£14995**

14 14 CITROEN GRAND C4 PICASSO 1.6 E-HDI Airdream VTR+ 5dr (7-seater) Bluetooth, cruise, pdc.....**£9995**

15 65 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDI DSTYLE NAV 3dr, Citroen warranty Dec 2018, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 10k, choice.....**£8795**

16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18" alloys, met red, half leather.....**£11695**

16 65 DS DS5 1.6 BlueHDI Elegance 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, 18" alloys, pdc, met blue.....**£12495**

14 64 FIAT 500 1.2 S 3dr, black alloys, Bluetooth, 29k, met blue, half leather.....**£6295**

15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Cult 3dr, Fiat warranty Oct 2018, pan roof, Bluetooth, 15k, white, full red leather.....**£7995**

16 16 FIAT 500 1.2 Pop Star 3dr, air-con, alloys, 5k, choice.....**£7495**

15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, Fiat warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, pan roof, Bluetooth, 13k, black, full leather.....**£8295**

15 65 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 T ecoBOOST Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty Nov 2018, 17" alloys, cruise, 11k, choice, half leather.....**£9495**

15 15 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ecoBOOST Zetec 3dr, Ford warranty April 2018, aircon, alloys, 29k, red.....**£7495**

16 65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 T EcoBoost Red Edition 3dr, 17" alloys, privacy glass, Bluetooth, 13k, choice.....**£9995**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Titanium X 5dr, Ford warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 13k, black.....**£10995**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Zetec 5dr, Ford warranty Dec 2019, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB, 10k, white.....**£8795**

16 66 FORD FOCUS 1.0 ecoBOOST Zetec S 5dr automatic, Ford warranty Oct 2019, DAB, Bluetooth, 10k, white.....**£12495**

15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.6 Zetec 5dr automatic, Ford warranty Aug 2018, DAB, alloys, Bluetooth, grey.....**£9495**

15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCI Zetec 5dr (Appearance Pack) Ford warranty Sep 2018, Bluetooth, 29k, white.....**£9495**

17 66 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI ST-3 5dr, Ford warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, 19" alloys, DAB, 10k, white, full leather.....**£19495**

16 66 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr 4WD (180bhp), appearance pack, 12k, white.....**£15995**

14 14 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI ECO Titanium X Business 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, silver, full leather.....**£8495**

16 66 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, sat nav, cruise, dab, alloys, 19k, choice.....**£13995**

14 64 HYUNDAI i30 1.6 CRDi Bluedrive Active 5dr, Hyundai warranty Dec 2019, cruise, USB, PDC, 22k, grey.....**£8495**

14 64 HYUNDAI iX35 1.7 CRDi Premium 5dr, Hyundai warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, black, full leather.....**£10495**

14 64 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDi Premium 5dr, sat nav, rear camera, heated seats, in mocha with full leather.....**£12495**

14 64 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDi Premium SE 5dr automatic (7-Seater) Hyundai warranty December 2021, sat nav, 18" alloys, heated seats, choice.....**£18995**

15 65 HYUNDAI TUSCON 1.7 CRDi Blue Drive SE 5dr, sat nav, Hyundai warranty Oct 2020, Bluetooth, heated seats, 22k, choice.....**£13495**

15 15 JAGUAR XF 2.2 D Portfolio 4dr automatic, Jaguar warranty April 2018, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, choice, full leather.....**£17495**

16 16 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.2 MultiJet II Limited 5dr 4WD (200bhp) automatic, sat nav, rear camera, 15k, met grey, full leather.....**£19995**

16 65 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

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16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet II LTD 4WD 5dr, Jeep warranty Feb 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 16k, red, full leather.....**£14995**

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16 16 KIA SOUL EV 5dr automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, heated seats, 7k, met blue. £15995

15 15 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRDI 1 ISG 5dr, Kia warranty March 2022, cruise, bluetooth, USB, 22k, white. £11995

16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRDI ISG 2 5dr (New Model), sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 8k, silver. £16995

14 64 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI SX-1 5dr AWD, Kia warranty Nov 2019, Bluetooth, USB, cruise, 27k, white. £11995

15 65 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI SX-2 AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Oct 2022, pan roof, pdc, 20k, white, half leather. £13995

16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI First Edition 5dr automatic (4WD), pan roof, sat nav, 19" Alloys, heated seats, 3k, white with full leather. £22495

15 65 KIA VENGA 1.6 CRDI 4 ISG 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, white, half-leather. £10495

15 65 LANDROVER DISCOVERY SPORT 2.0 TD4 HSE 4x4 5dr, Landrover warranty Dec 2018, pan roof, reverse camera, privacy glass, 20k, blue, full leather. £24995

15 15 LEXUS CT200H 1.8 Advance Plus 5dr CVT automatic, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 20k, met white, half leather. £15495

14 64 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, PDC front & rear, choice. £8795

14 64 MAZDA CX-5 2.2 TD Sport 4WD 5dr (175bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, Bose, full leather, choice, automatic or manual from. £11995

10 10 MAZDA MX-5 1.8 20TH Anniversary 2dr convertible, 17" alloys, aircon, 32k, met blue. £7495

16 65 MERCEDES A180 D Sport Edition 5dr & G-DCI automatic, reverse camera, full leather, 25k, choice. £14495

15 65 MERCEDES A200 CDI Sport Edition 5dr, cruise, reverse camera, met blue with full leather. £14495

14 14 MERCEDES B180 CDI Sport 5dr 7G-DCT, 18" alloys, reverse camera, 35k, grey, full leather. £2495

14 63 MERCEDES B200 CDI SE 5dr, sat nav, PDC, white. £10995

16 16 MERCEDES B200 CDI AMG Line 5dr, Mercedes warranty June 2019, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, grey, choice auto or manual, Half leather. £16995

15 15 MERCEDES C180 AMG Sport Edition (Premium Plus) 2dr Coupe sat nav, cruise, 32k, black with half-leather. £15795

15 15 MERCEDES C220 CDI BlueTEC Sport 4dr, sat nav, privacy glass, grey. £16495

15 15 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Sport 2dr coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty Sep 2018, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, silver, half leather. £16995

15 65 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Line (Premium Plus) Estate automatic, pan roof, sat nav, 19" alloys, 25k, met blue, full leather. £22995

15 65 MERCEDES C350 E Sport 4dr automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, silver with full leather. £20495

14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line 5dr 4-Matic, 18" alloys, reverse camera, 27k, white, half-leather. £18995

15 65 MERCEDES GLE250 CDI AMG Line 4MATIC 5dr automatic, Mercedes warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, 20" alloys, 17k, white, full leather. £32995

13 63 MERCEDES E220 CDI AMG Sport Cabriolet 7G-Tronic Plus, sat nav, airscarf heating, choice, full leather. £17995

15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTEC AMG Line Cabriolet 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty October 2018, sat nav, 18" alloys, white, full leather. £21495

15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTEC AMG Night Edition 7G-Tronic Plus Estate, Mercedes warranty Sep 2018, sat nav, DAB Bluetooth, choice, full leather. £18995

13 63 MERCEDES E220 AMG Sport 4dr 7G-Tronic plus, sat nav, xenons, grey, full leather. £14495

15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTEC AMG Night Edition 4dr 7-G Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, choice, full leather. £18495

14 14 MERCEDES BENZ E250 CDI AMG Sport coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, panoramic roof, sat nav, 18" black alloys, black, full red leather. £17995

14 64 MERCEDES E250 CDI AMG Sport 4dr 7G-Tronic plus, panoramic roof, sat nav, 13k, silver, half leather/alcantara. £20995

14 64 MERCEDES E250 CDI AMG Sport 2dr Coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 16k, black, full leather. £19995

15 65 MERCEDES GLA200 CDI Sport (Executive) 5DR 7G-DCT, sat nav, DAB, 18" alloys, choice, full leather. £17995

14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line Premium Plus 5dr 7G-DCT 4Matic, pan roof, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 26k, half-leather. £21495

14 64 MERCEDES SLK250 CDI Blueefficiency 2dr convertible 7G-Tronic Plus, airscarf-neck level heating, Bluetooth, iridium silver, full leather. £14495

16 66 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 D COOPER 6dr, sat nav, chilli pack, 10k, white. £14295

17 17 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 Cooper S 6dr Estate automatic (JCW bodykit) chilli + media pack, sat nav, 5k, silver with full leather. £20995

15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli + media XL + TLC pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, half-leather, 19k, met blue. £10995

16 16 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr (170bhp), chilli pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB, 9k, black, half-leather. £13495

14 64 MINI COOPER 2.0 COOPER S 5dr (TLC Pack)(192bhp), JCW bodykit, sat nav, head up display, Harman Kardon, 17" black alloys, volcanic orange, half leather. £12995

14 64 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 COOPER ALL4 5dr (TLC & Pepper Pack) Bluetooth, 17" black alloys, 24k, starlight blue. £10995

15 15 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 COOPER S ALL4 5dr (Sport & TLC pack) MINI warranty July 2018, Bluetooth, USB, 22k, blue, full leather. £15995

15 64 MINI COUPE 1.6 Cooper 2dr, chilli + TLC pack, 17" alloys, heated seats, 25k, half-leather, choice. £8495

14 64 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER 3dr (TLC & Pepper Pack) sat nav, 17" black alloys, mfsw, 22k, black. £11295

14 63 MITSUBISHI ASX 1.8 TD 4 5dr, 4WD, panoramic roof, sat nav, cruise, 28k, silver, full leather. £10795

16 66 MITSUBISHI ASX 2.2 DI-D 4 4WD 5dr automatic, Mitsubishi Dec 2019, panoramic roof, sat nav, 13k, black, full leather. £15995

14 64 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX3h 4x4 5dr automatic, cruise, Bluetooth, met blue, half leather. £12995

15 65 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.2 DI-D GX3 5dr (7-Seater), cruise, pdc, Bluetooth, 9k, black. £17995

15 65 NISSAN NOTE 1.2 N-Tec 5dr, Nissan warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 11k, white. £8495

16 66 NISSAN PULSAR 1.5 DCI Acenta 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, alloys, red. £9495

14 14 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta (Smart Vision Pack) cruise, 33k, red. £9995

14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta Premium 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, Bluetooth, 23k, choice. £11995

14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr, 19" alloys, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, 23k, choice, full leather. £12795

15 15 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta 5dr, Nissan warranty April 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, 28k, choice. £10995

15 65 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI N-Tec+ 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, 22k, choice. £13495

17 17 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Tekna XTRONIC 5dr automatic, Nissan warranty April 2020, sat nav, pan roof, 19" alloys, met red. £17495

13 62 PEUGEOT 208 1.4 HDI Access + 5dr, aircon, cruise, 24k, black. £5995

12 62 PEUGEOT RCZ 1.6 THP Sport 2dr coupe, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 42k, grey. £7995

14 63 RANGEROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure Tech AWD 5dr automatic, pan roof, 19" alloys, sat nav, 27k, Firenze red, full leather. £22995

14 64 RANGEROVER EVOQUE 2.2 ED4 Pure Tech 5dr, sat nav, 18" alloys, heated seats, black, full leather. £19495

15 15 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Expression+ 5dr, cruise, alloys, Bluetooth, met blue. £7995

14 64 RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCI Energy GT Line Tom Tom 2dr Coupe, sat nav, Bluetooth, 35k, blue, half leather. £8495

15 65 RENAULT SCENIC Xmod 1.6 DCI Energy Dynamique 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, PDC, met red. £8995

16 66 SEAT ALHAMBRA 2.0 TDI Ecomotive SE 5dr (7-seater) Seat warranty Aug 2019, alloys, pdc front & rear, choice. £16995

16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 1.6 TDI Greenline III SE Business 5dr, Skoda warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, cruise, black. £10995

16 16 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.4 VVTI 16V Slam 3dr, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, red, half-leather. £7995

16 16 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 1.4 T 3dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2016, 18" alloys, cruise, DAB, 13k, white. £8995

15 15 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 2.0 CDTI SRI 3dr, Vauxhall warranty Oct 2018, 18" alloys, cruise, 23k, choice. £8995

15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI SE 5dr automatic, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, full leather, 28k, black. £10495

12 12 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI BlueMotion Tech SE cabriolet, cruise, pdc, 31k, black. £8495

15 65 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GTD 5dr, VW warranty Jan 2019, sat nav, heated seats, PDC, 21k, choice, automatic or manual, from. £16495

16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTI 3dr, VW warranty July 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 12k, black. £20495

16 66 VW PASSAT 1.6 TDI Bluemotion Tech GT Estate, panoramic glass roof, sat nav, adaptive cruise, heated seats, 8k, black with half-leather. £17995

15 15 VOLVO V40 1.6 D2 ES 5dr, panoramic glass roof, Bluetooth, black. £8995

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Saints' stalemate with Rhoose

LEAGUE leaders St Athan and second place Rhoose played out a stalemate on a blustery afternoon next to the airport, but this was not a game that blew you away.

Saints made two changes from last week's fine win with Josh Harfoot and Kieran Ashton coming in.

Saints had the aid of the wind first half as it whipped off the adjacent runway and looked to use the advantage.

Bradley Young fired over from distance before Nathan Williams saw his effort tipped over. Rhoose came back and saw a break upfield resulting in a shot narrowly wide.

Saints pushed for the opener and the Rhoose keeper palmed away Aaron Rogers' effort before Karl Steel shot inches wide after good work from Ashton.

Rhoose came into the game knowing a win would take them top and saw two long range efforts off target.

St Athan sit top and a win would have strengthened their position as FC Barry Belgrade sat a mere five points behind with five games in hand.

Saints finished the half with Ashton firing wide and Nicky Cox lashing over after a good link up with Jordan Mortimore.

The second half saw Jake Sutcliffe introduced as Saints looked to consolidate their position. Despite Rhoose now having the wind to their backs advantage it was Saints who created the best chance, breaking forward in a three on one opportunity but could not quite find that killer pass and the attack was quelled.

Rhoose began to see the chances come their way with long range efforts

off target or well held by Saints keeper.

Rhoose then saw their best chance so far, as their midfielder sent a ball into the box from a central post up only for the forward to head it wide. St Athan came back with a succession of corners but couldn't find the way through.

Rhoose were then reduced to 10 men as their defender brought down Williams as he looked to burst into the box with what was deemed a reckless challenge and the red card was produced.

Mortimore then fired the resulting free kick over the bar before Williams fired well over minutes later.

Rhoose almost won it with the final kick as their forward raced away only to see his effort way off target.

So a first 0-0 from St Athan for many years, but a hard-earned point that keeps Saints top of the pile, but FC Barry Belgrade go three points behind after a 1-0 win over Barry Athletic with five games in hand.

St Athan: Andrews, Cox, Young, Mortimore, Laing, R Lewis, Williams, Ashton, Harfoot, Rogers, Steel. Substitutes: Sutcliffe, Morris.

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Paul Lucas bagged a brace as St Athan B secured their first win in five, Craig Howells, Colin George and Sean Lucas notching the others in a game that saw keeper Rob West make his competitive debut, making a comeback following a broken wrist suffered in pre-season.

St Athan B: West, Burgess, Cleave, Morgans, Prior, Wolfe, Goodwin, S Lucas, Howells, P Lucas. Substitutes: C Pullum, H Pullum, G Richards, Whitelock, Everitt.

HD

Rusty Llantwit slip to defeat

AFTER suffering another break of three weeks without any competitive football due to unplayable ground conditions, Llantwit Major travelled to Caldicot for only their 14th league game of the season to date.

Llantwit had Anthony Rawlings, a recent acquisition from Port Talbot, make his debut up front and Mike Hartley a Llantwit Major boy, who was again previously with Port Talbot, made his first full start for the club in midfield.

Llantwit were slow out of the blocks, and were nearly a goal down after only two minutes when, from a corner, a Caldicot player had an early chance to score, but luckily for Llantwit his header went straight to Jack Lansdown in the Llantwit goal.

There was not too much action to write home about until the 18th minute when Caldicot were reduced to 10 men when their defender, who had earlier been booked, was shown a straight red card for a dangerous high tackle.

This, you would think, would give Llantwit the opportunity to now dominate proceedings, but we were still waiting to see a shot on target from either side and with no goalkeeper having to make a save, half-time arrived with the game

still scoreless.

Llantwit did try and apply some early pressure at the start of the second half, but despite all their efforts Llantwit's approach work was very poor and it was not until around the 60th minute mark that Llantwit had a shot on target from around 30 metres out, which did not trouble the goalkeeper as it was straight at him.

However, in the 69th minute the game saw its first goal when the Llantwit defenders switched off and allowed a Caldicot player to square the ball across goal, only to see his fellow player scuff his shot and it end up in the corner of the net.

Two minutes later worse was to come for Llantwit when Caldicot were awarded a dubious penalty when a Caldicot player went to ground.

However, Jack Lansdown dived down low to his right to save the penalty kick and Llantwit's blushes.

Llantwit tried to get something out of the game, but despite all their efforts never looked like scoring.

This was a very poor display from Llantwit and if they intend to push for a promotion place they will need to play a lot better, starting this Saturday, March 3, when they are away to Aberdare.

DJ

RESERVES DOMINATE WEAKENED OPPONENTS

L L A N T W I T Major reserves recorded their biggest win on Saturday as they played a sorry Barry Albion at Windmill Lane.

The away team travelled to Llantwit with only eight players, a disappointment as a close encounter was on the cards.

Llantwit started the demolition with a Stephen Phillips headed goal. Max Morgan, Chris Vinson and a Josh Morgan double all added to the scoresheet early as Llantwit pinned Albion in their own half.

An unfortunate own goal from a Lee Tracey header summed up the game in the first half as the numerical advantage took its toll on both teams as the game quickly died in intensity and quality.

Llantwit changed to three at the back in the second half which rapidly changed to just one as the Major were keen on more goals.

Mikey Gray, Lewis Brown, Adam Coyle, and Sam Mawhinney all

came on with Brown immediately notching with a strong strike.

Moments later he was in action again as he whipped a low cross across the six yard box for Phillips to notch his second goal.

Goal-hungry Gethin Jennings added a brace with two tidy finishes and Max Morgan, again from six yards, proved his poaching ability with his 14th goal of the season.

Josh Morgan finally got his hat-trick to cap off a great performance for the striker, who unselfishly volunteered to fill in at centre back to allow Mawhinney to push forward in the quest for his first goal of the season.

After many attempts he couldn't find the net and the wait continues for the vice-captain.

Man of the match was awarded to Gethin Jennings.

Team: Roberts, Malton, Tracey, Grafton, Wrigley, Vinson, Jennings, Beattie, J Morgan, M Morgan, Phillips. Substitutes: Coyle, Gray, Brown, Mawhinney. JT

Ireland show street smarts to defeat Wales



George North looked sharp when he came on.



Gareth Davies scored a fine try.

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However, it was soon back to Irish pressure. On 32 minutes, Sexton finally succeeded with a penalty and six minutes later, a long goal-line siege was ended when the Irish centre Aki stretched out his arm to get the touchdown after being held just short.

Sexton converted to make it 15-13 to Ireland at the break and Alun Wyn Jones was seen leaving the field in deep conversation with referee Jackson.

It seemed that Wales would surely get a grip on their legal problems and hence enjoy more possession in the second half – but Ireland had other ideas.

For almost the entire third quarter Ireland held on to the ball and simply refused to cough it up. It was mistake-free rugby, but not exactly exciting.

On 45 minutes, flanker Dan Leavy went over from close range for a converted try, and on 53 minutes it was more of the same, with Cian Healy wriggling over. This time, the conversion was missed but it was now 27-13 to Ireland and, it seemed, game over.

Then, 61 minutes in, Wales scored a try and it looked really quite simple. Biggar caught a high ball, Wales moved the ball wide to Steff Evans, and he kept it alive so that it could be moved back across field. Hadleigh Parkes saw the chance for a long pass to Navidi, who drew his man and put Aaron Shingler in



Wales did do well in the aerial battle. Here, Hadleigh Parkes and Dan Biggar go up against Rob Kearney.

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for the try.

George North was brought on and was soon looking threatening. On one occasion, he took the Irish full back Rob Kearney on the outside, making the No 15 look pedestrian.

However, the Welsh fightback appeared to have stalled with five minutes to go when they were penalised. Sexton was in some discomfort (he would soon be replaced by Carberry) so Conor Murray showed that he can do more than kick out of hand by landing the three-pointer, making it 30-20 to Ireland.

However, Wales came straight back with another fine try. This was made by Scott Williams who created the overlap with an outside break, followed by a pass out of the back of his hand to the supporting Navidi, who once again drew his man to perfection and put Steff Evans in.

Halfpenny's conversion made it 30-27, and the Irish crowd could scarcely believe their eyes.

It would have been an all-time great escape but, as the game entered the last two minutes, Gareth Anscombe, on as a replacement for Dan Biggar, tried one more long pass, but Irish wing Stockdale read it

and sauntered over for a try that prompted Irish sighs of relief all round.

It's actually quite hard to take a message from this game. Surely Ireland will never again be that successful in terms of ball retention?

Wales had a cutting edge that Ireland lacked – but that was no good without a fairer share of the ball.

A final thought on TV summariser Gordon D'Arcy, who was intent on redefining the word 'unintentional'. The afore-mentioned kick by Rob Kearney was deemed intentional by the ref, who penalised him.

It happened again when centre Bundee Aki took his role as a decoy runner a little too far, running so hard into Gareth Davies that the Welsh scrum half required treatment. It was, said Gordon, "unintentional" although Mr Jackson once again blew for a penalty.

I see Gordon having a new career as a criminal defence barrister.

"Your honour, although the deceased received 12 knife wounds and six bullet wounds, and was indeed found in the River Liffey with his feet encased in concrete, my client ensures me that those injuries were all unintentional!"

Cowbridge ready for Canton test

HOW do you top the excitement and drama of last weekend's Six Nations matches?

Well, Cowbridge are playing Canton at the Athletic Ground this Saturday (weather permitting) and will be looking to emulate the six try victory against Old Penarthians a fortnight ago, consolidating third place in the league.

Canton currently lie seventh and although Cowbridge won comfortably 0-28 at Canton, this will be a tough fixture.

The visitors have had two impressive victories recently over Wattstown and Caerau Ely but

Cowbridge were looking in fine form at Old Pens so the game should be a cracker.

As always, all support is appreciated - it was great to see so many supporters at Penarth which gave the boys a real boost.

As Wales are playing Italy on Sunday, March 11 (still places available on the club bus) we are playing the present second-placed Treherbert on March 10.

Finally, the under-12s are playing Builth Wells this Sunday in the quarter-final of the Blues Cup on the main pitch, kick-off 12 noon.

It would be great to see a big crowd there to cheer on the lads.

RV/RK

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, February 20 a full programme of league matches was completed.

It was a great evening for the Red Lion Inn who won their first match of the season, beating the Farmers Arms 5-4.

This was one of a number of close games. The Edmondson A defeated the Victoria Inn, Edmondson B beating the Six Bells Inn and the Edmondson C beating the Hairy Farmers, all by a 5-4 scoreline.

Llanharry closed the gap at the top of the table by beating the One Town Hall Square 6-3. Lee Davies (Llanharry),

Andy Bryan (Six Bells Inn) and Rob McCaver (Hairy Farmers) all hit 180s.

Other notable performances were Jake Warren (Victoria Inn) 104 out in a nine dart game, Oliver Ladbroke-Davies (One Town Hall Square) 133 out and Paul Tasker (Hairy Farmers) 78 out.

Present league standings, after 14 weeks, are: Edmondson B (89 points), Llanharry (87), Six Bells Inn (74), Highwayman Inn (72), Hairy Farmers (69), Edmondson C (65), Edmondson A (61), Victoria Inn (59), Farmers Arms (49), One Town Hall Square (29) and Red Lion Inn (15).

Next week, Tuesday,

March 6, a full programme of league matches is scheduled.

The Edmondson A hosts the Farmers Arms, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondson B, the Edmondson C hosts Llanharry, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Victoria Inn and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Red Lion Inn. The Hairy Farmers have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Schmidt's possession rugby squeezes the life out of Wales *BY PHILIP IRWIN*

FOR people of around my age, a Saturday morning meant a trip to the local cinema to watch children's films, and one regular feature was the weekly cliff-hanging thriller – in my case it was *Captain Video*.

Each week our hero would be left in mortal peril, perhaps half way up a cliff, clinging on with one hand to a rope where the strands were breaking one by one. He was doomed.

Then, the following week you would take your seat and, without explanation, he would be standing at the top of the cliff, quite safe. A similar escape in the weekly comics would be accompanied by the all-purpose phrase, 'with one bound he was free!'

It was almost like that for Wales on Saturday.

Welsh fans went from a sense of despair to a sense of disbelief as Wales suddenly found a way into the game. Speaking personally, I had abandoned any professional detachment on the 55-minute mark, put aside my notebook and picked up a newspaper.

It was too painful to watch Ireland squeeze the life out of Wales.

The first half had been difficult, but amazingly, despite getting only about 30 per cent possession, Wales had led for more than 20 minutes.

The fact that Joe Schmidt's Ireland play a low risk game designed to retain possession was no surprise. The Ireland pack has no use for frilleries such as off-loads. They will keep on keeping on recycling through endless phases until they spot some lack of defensive organisation.

What made the first half even more one-sided in terms of possession was that Wales fell foul of New Zealand referee Glen Jackson. It's all about the difference in interpretation between Southern and Northern Hemisphere refs, apparently, and Ireland proved to be adept at reading Mr Jackson.

It had started well for Wales. They won the first aerial battle after a Dan Biggar high kick, gained a penalty and Leigh Halfpenny slotted the kick. Jonny Sexton soon had a chance to equalise for Ireland, but missed a pretty simple shot from 30-odd yards.

A few minutes later Sexton did the right thing, capitalising on a spell of Irish pressure close to the Wales try line with a long, fast, flat pass to left wing Stockdale to go over in the corner.

The Irish fly half did miss the conversion and then missed another straightforward penalty about 10 minutes later. Each kick had been pushed about two feet wide of the upright.

All this took place over a period of constant Irish pressure. The forwards were putting their heads down and making a

few yards, while the main threat came from the two centres, Farrell and Aki, who were taking a longer run and entering the line at speed.

Eventually, Wales managed to get a hand on the ball and fed Scott Williams, who let fly with a long relieving kick. A good chase forced Sexton to kick for touch and suddenly Wales had a line out on the 22-metre line.

They won that line out and started a few phases of their own, with Shingler making good yards. Then, the ball was fumbled – but fortunately it went backwards – and scrum half Gareth Davies took advantage of some Irish defenders switching off to wind his way over close to the posts.

So, against the run of play – something of an understatement – Wales led 10 - 5.

Ireland continued to press but when Dan Biggar launched a high kick on 29 minutes, he and Rob Kearney contested it and Biggar won out. However, when they came down to earth, Kearney kicked the ball out of Biggar's hand and was penalised.

Gordon D'Arcy, the former Ireland centre, felt it was "unintentional" – but more of that later.

Halfpenny kicked the penalty and, remarkably, Wales had extended their lead.

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Josh Navidi prepares to put Steff Evans in for his try.
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